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## REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

**Student Quizzes Editor**

Since our county has the good fortune to be the seat, or one of the many seats, of a great university, The East Bay Labor Journal is quite often used as a guinea pig by UC students of industrial relations. The questions these students ask are always pointed, and have the effect of stirring up the minds of those who are questioned.

**The latest questioner is one Ralph Hartley, who cautiously explains that he is no relation to that notorious fellow Taft-Hartley, and that he is making a study of "specialists in labor unions."**

The specialists referred to are such folk as attorneys, economists, editors. So Mr. Hartley came to our office to find out what sort of animal a labor editor is. Since we found his questions interesting, we'll pass some of them along to our readers, with some answers.

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**Labor Editor's Role**

**"What is your conception of the role which you should play in the labor movement? Hired hand? Enlightened critic? Policy maker? A combination?"**

A hired hand, certainly. That is, a labor editor, like the editor of any paper, has on certain fundamental matters to take orders, or better still, to be in such basic sympathy with the owners that he goes along with them naturally. For example, a labor editor could hardly expect to get away with advocating low wages and high prices without being reminded promptly that he's a hired hand.

An enlightened critic of labor's own prejudices and mistakes—if he knows how to be indiscreet tactfully. Maybe he can't always express editorially such criticisms, but if he pursues a tolerant news policy of running all sorts of news and opinions, he can reprint in the paper things from other sources which will set his readers to thinking.

A policy maker not in a specific formal sense, but only in the sense that the general flavor and atmosphere of the paper as he edits it conduces certain broad policies. But when it comes to specific policy decisions on specific legislation, for example, the owners of the paper through their duly constituted committees are the policy makers.

So it is a combination of all three functions, that of hired hand, enlightened critic, and policy maker—the last with the above mentioned qualifications carefully noted—that the editor of a labor paper functions.

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**Attitude of Unions**

**"It is said that many unions do not appreciate the value of publicity and public relations? Do you believe this to be true? if so, what in your opinion are the reasons for this characteristic of unions?"**

Yes, many union officials, like public officials and corporation officials, are slow to realize the need for building better public relations through publicity concerning their activities.

But in the case of union officials, there is a special reason. For many years the union movement was practically an outlaw one, so far as the attitude of the daily press and the courts was concerned. If there was publicity, it was bad publicity, just as, if there was a court case, the decision went against the union. The result is that the affection of many union members and officials for the press and for the courts is to this day of a highly moderate order.

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**Managers; Publicity Men**

**"Do you think that unions will make greater use of editors and public relations personnel in the future?"**

Yes, slowly. Right now the most crying need is for a different though related type of specialist—labor paper business managers. Many labor papers are simply farmed out to private business concerns which are given the sponsorship of the labor organization, because the labor movement lacks specialists of its own in the difficult art of managing the business and mechanical end of the job.

As for editors, the AFL press on the whole has barely begun to develop the realization that a labor paper needs a full-time editor with professional experience. On many papers the socalled editor is mechanical superintendent, business manager, office boy, job printer, and a few other things before he's permitted to function as an editor.

When you speak of "public relations personnel," that brings up what is really a type of specialist distinct from the editor of a labor paper. The public relations man concentrates on selling his union or unions to the daily press and the radio. The labor paper editor concentrates on publishing a good newsy paper full of lively editorial discussion. If his paper is good, it will be read by daily press editors, and insofar helps labor's public relations. But the job of producing news for the papers and radio daily, almost hourly, when a union is on strike, is not a sideline for a labor paper editor—it's a great job in itself.

It's such a big job, in fact, that most labor locals, and even Labor Councils, can't afford to hire men for it. The most that can be hoped for is that some one man on a Labor Council staff can train officials of the various unions, and members, too, to deal with the daily press and the radio. As a matter of fact, members and officials of a union are more heeded by press and radio than is a hired public relations man.

**Well, class dismissed!**

## Corporate Farmers Asking Control of Labor Placements

Fresno Labor Citizen (AFL)

Corporate farm interests have the backing of State Senator George J. Hatfield (R) in proposed legislation to legalize California's weakened Agricultural Advisory Council and give the Associated Farmers rigid control over farm placement by state law.

**Senator Hatfield told the Citizen he plans to introduce a bill early in January to establish a 12-man advisory board empowered to set policy for the State Department of Employment in regard to farm labor.**

He said this bill reflects "the attitude of the California State Chamber of Commerce." Enaction of such legislation was urged by the Associated Farmers when they convened in Fresno two weeks ago. It will be opposed by the State Federation of Labor.

**MORE TO COME**

Alacrity with which Senator Hatfield followed the suggestion brought predictions of the swift introduction, when the legislature convenes January 3, of other measures advocated here by the Associated Farmers.

**The organized farmers recommend new enaction of the outlawed Hot Cargo bill and formation of a single statewide group to negotiate importation of Mexican nationals. It also opposed state purchase of federal farm labor camps.**

**CLAIMS BIG FIELD**

Senator Hatfield's proposed measure would give legal status to the Agricultural Council, whose authority was curtailed by State Employment Director James G. Bryant when State Federation Officials protested its assumption of power without base under state or federal law.

Authority taken by the council originally extended across the entire agriculture and food processing industries. It controlled the state's new Farm Placement Service, an agency set up within the Unemployment Department, whose employes it superseded in questions of farm employment.

**Indicated objectives of the council were to flood California with surplus foreign labor, batter down wage scales, block farm unionization, maintain a steady pool of unemployed, and supply strikebreakers in farm labor disputes.**

In addition to broad powers in the recruitment, selection and placement of farm workers, the council asserted similar powers in the canning, packing and processing of agricultural products — including the wineries, the frozen food industry, and the meat and vegetable oil fields.

**LABOR REPRESENTATIVES?**

Scope of the council's activities was narrowed by Bryant when its authority was challenged last spring by the State Federation.

**Initial appointments to the council, confirmed by Governor Earl Warren, limited its membership to representatives of large agricultural interests. Organized labor reportedly would be allotted two committee posts under terms of the proposed Hatfield measure.**

Creation of the council was in line with a statement of policy adopted by top unemployment department officials when the agency reverted to state operation. It conflicts—as would the board proposed by Hatfield—with the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The act provides for allocation of federal funds to state employment agencies whose policy is laid down by 12-man boards with equal representation from employers, employes and the public.

## Auto Workers Heed Culinary Pickets

AFL Culinary and Bartenders Local 823 picketed John's Cafe at the foot of Davis street in San Leandro for less than a day and a half recently, and then the cafe signed up.

A large proportion of the cafe's customers were CIO United Auto Workers employed at the Dodge and Chrysler plants nearby. Picketing was not begun until Ruby Hall, secretary of Local 823, had given the CIO workers ample notice that picketing was to begin, so that they could arrange for meals elsewhere.

Ruby Hall said that the CIO men observed the picket line meticulously.

**(Editor's Note: Through an oversight, The Labor Journal failed to publish the news of the settlement of the dispute with the cafe at the time it happened, some weeks ago, although announcment that picketing was to begin was published in our December 3 issue.)**

## Remember to Turn Clock Back 1 Hour

Clocks turn back one hour tomorrow (Saturday) 2 a.m., as California goes back on standard time.

Most people presumably will turn the clock back before retiring tonight (Friday.)

## Announcement

Retail Food Clerks Local 870 will move to the new Labor Temple, January 3, 1949.
Address: 2315 Valdez street
Room: 221
Phone GL 1-9266

CHARLES A. OMSTEAD,
Secretary

## FEPC Vote Set For January 6th

### Jack Reynolds of BTC Says That He is Opposed to Racial Discrimination But Doesn't Want Measure Open to Misuse; Commies Bother Backers of Plan

The proposed ordinance for the setting up of a Fair Employment Practice Commission in Oakland comes up Thursday, January 6, for second reading. It must pass a third reading before becoming law.

At the hearing Thursday, December 23, Business Representative J. C. Reynolds of the Building Trades Council criticized some of the language in Section 2. He contended that the section was so drawn that it might cause confusion as to just what constituted a minority group against which there could be no discrimination in municipal employment.

**REYNOLDS' POINTS**

Reynolds told the City Council:

**"I place myself at this time in opposition to racial discrimination."**

He said that the city of Oakland has $15,000,000 in contracts for public works and that the passing of the ordinance might cause delay and interference in the carrying out of these projects which might be of detriment to the taxpayers.

Employers on such contracts, he said, may be "caught in the middle," if the ordinance is passed, since "if he is in violation he can be cited, and if he complies he may be in violation of his contract."

**HOW ABOUT NON-UNIONISTS?**

**One concern which Reynolds stated he has in the matter is that non-union workers might be held to be a "minority," and that unions and employers would be penalized for refusing to hire non-union workers in jobs for the city.**

The second reading was not carried out at the session of the City Council, no vote being taken, and accordingly the matter goes over to January 6.

**At the December 23 session, the Rev. Frank M. Toothaker, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity, which proposed the ordinance, advocated its passage, contending that it would further goodwill and harmonious relations between all groups in the city.**

**COMMUNISTS ON HAND**

AFL members who attended the session observed in the audience a considerable number of persons they have long assumed to be Communists, and efforts had been made by some of those favoring the measure to keep the Communists out of the controversy.

The People's World, however, had announced that the Independent Progressive Party and the Civil Rights Congress were in on the fight. The Communists back both of these organizations in the various struggles in which they engage.

The proposed ordinance provides maximum penalties of $500 fine and six months in jail for discriminatory practices by firms or individuals engaged in business with the city.

A Fair Employment Practices Commission would be set up to decide whether or not discrimination was being practiced.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Headed by the Rev. Frank M. Toothaker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, the Mayor's Committee for Civic Unity includes Claude Allen, Robert Ash, Spurgeon Avakian, Thomas L. Berkley, Mrs. C. A. Chichester, Edward Costa, Paul J. Cushing, Enrico Dell-Osso, Laurence Dellums, the Rev. John Dillingham, Howard Desky, the Rev. Harold Geistweit, Miss Helen Grant, the Rev. Charles Hackel, H. A. Hager, Paul Heide, Harry S. Jue, Mrs. W. B. Peterson, Harry J. Sapper, Dr. Mary Alice Sarvis, John Soelberg, Howard Wells and Hachiro Yuasa.

## Water Storage Not Boosted by Storm

Despite the rains over the Christmas weekend, there has been no increase in available water back of the Shasta and Friant dams, says Watermaster E. L. Christian of the Bureau of Reclamation.

"The storm centered between the reservoirs," said Christian. "During the three days of the storm there was only .92 inch of precipitation at Shasta and no appreciable increase of inflow into the dam.

"We've actually had a loss of storage at Friant.

"Since December 1, we've gained 8000 acre feet of water at Friant but since the beginning of the storm it's gone down a little. During the same period at Shasta we've lost 90,000 acre feet."

Capacity of Shasta, Christian said, is 4,500,000 acre feet. At present there are only 2,296,000 acre feet behind the dam.

Friant, too, contained only a small part of its capacity, he said. It holds 520,000 acre feet. There are now 155,000 acre feet in the lake.

**Christian blamed the lack of increase in the bureau's dams says the S. F. Chronicle on the fact that there are Pacific Gas and Electric Company and California Edison Company dams in the rivers above both Shasta and Friant.**

"California Edison and PG&E have four dams above Friant," Christian said. "They've shown an increase over the week end.

## Teamster Local 70 Elects Bob Decker

Robert Decker was elected three-year trustee in an election held by Teamsters Local 70 Thursday of last week.

Others running were Al Maderos (incumbent), Ernest Clifford, and Murray Trygstad.

## New President Is Chosen by Laundry Drivers Local 209

Laundry Drivers Local 209 elected T. C. Murray president and George Wilson three-year trustee in the election held December 21.

For the presidency Murray got 91 votes, and Edward Hafer (incumbent) got 79.

For the trusteeship Wilson got 79 votes, and Glen Shepard (incumbent) got 78.

The following officers were returned without contest: Willard Wright, vice-president; William P. Gibbons, recording secertary; Ned Jack, one-year trustee.

Gibbons told The Labor Journal: "The union is all set to go now for the coming year, and we wish our many friends a Happy New Year."

## Labor, Shipowners Win Stay From ECA

The Economic Cooperation Administration has announced that it will continue to send at least half of all bulk shipments of Marshall Plan supplies to foreign countries in American vessels until February 1.

The ECA had previously announced that it would discontinue shipping half of the Marshall Plan supplies in American vessels on January 1.

Maritime labor groups, including the AFL Sailors' Union of the Pacific, had joined with shipping interests in opposing the discontinuance of using American vessels for at least half the Marshall Plan traffic.

ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman had contended that rates on American vessels were so high that they used up Marshall Plan funds at an unduly rapid rate. Some of those defending Hoffman's attitude had said that if the Government wished to subsidize American shipping, it should do so out of a separate fund, and not use Marshall Plans funds which are earmarked for the assistance of foreign democracies.

In the original ECA act, Congress specified that at least 50 per cent of Marshall Plan shipments from this country should be carried in American vessels to the extent that such ships were available at world market rates.

Hoffman says that the extension of date gives Congress a chance to review the fundamental issues involved.

## Injunction Denied In Key Seniority

S. F. Chronicle

Superior Judge Milton D. Sapiro denied 180 Key System transbay trainsmen an injunction to prevent the company and their union from abandoning a 47-year-old seniority system.

Both Key System and the Street Electrical Railway and Motor Coach Union have agreed that trainmen, bus drivers and street car conductors shall be put on a common seniority system.

Michael Riordan, former San Francisco police chief and attorney for the trainmen, said up to now all veteran Key System employes entering the transbay train service started from the bottom of the seniority ladder.

"Under this new system a bus driver with 18 years' seniority can replace a trainman with only 17 years' seniority. And if the trainman can't drive a bus, he is out of a job," Riordan explained.

The trainmen are suing to prevent a change in the contract. No date has yet been set for the trial.

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

### For 1949 Municipal Elections

**ALAMEDA**

Election 2nd Tuesday in March

3 Councilmen
City Auditor
City Treasurer

**OAKLAND**

Nominating Election 3d Tuesday in April
General Election 4th Tuesday after Nominating Election
4 Councilmen
City Auditor
4 Members Board of Education

**BERKELEY**

Election 1st Tuesday in May
4 Councilmen
2 School Dire

Note: The following cities hold their next elections in April, 1950: Albany, Emeryville, Hayward, Piedmont, San Leandro.

## *Be Sure Keys Are Made By Union Maker!*

Attention of unions planning to have keys made to their offices in the new Labor Temple is called to these facts:

1. Key-makers without union cards are on the unfair list.
2. Since there are some non-union key-makers in the area, care should be exerted in placing these jobs.
3. As in all cases where union work is desired, we recommend consulting the classified advertising section of The Labor Journal.

## Intensive Session On Culinary Wages

Long sessions of two union representatives and two employers' representatives were being held this week in an effort to settle the wage dispute of culinary workers and bartenders with hotel, restaurant, and tavern owners.

International Organizer C. T. McDonough and Assistant Secretary William P. Fee of the Central Labor Council are negotiating for the union, and two representatives of United Employers are in on the sessions for the employers.

A committee of the local unions is on hand to get reports from McDonough and Fee as recesses are taken from the negotiations.

The contract runs until 1952, but was opened on the wage issue alone. Negotiations broke off temporarily after the employers some time ago refusd to consider any wage advances at all.

H. J. Badger, secretary-treasurer of the Culinary Joint Board, told The Labor Journal that there are more than 7000 workers concerned, Culinary Alliance 31 having about 3500, Cooks 228 about 2200, and Bartenders 52 about 1300.

## Office Workers 29 Go to Arbitration

Arthur Miller, who has handled many labor disputes, has been named arbitrator of a dispute between the Office Employes Local 29 and the Todd Pacific Shipyards in Alameda over the allocation of timekeepers' work.

President Roy Phalen of Local 29 will serve on the arbitration board with Miller and an employers' representative.

The union contends that timekeepers' work has been allocated by the management unnecessarily to members of other crafts. The matter was taken up with the Metal Trades Council, which backed Local 29 in its stand.

The case has already been heard by Miller in a hearing held at the Lake Merritt Hotel. Al Brundage appeared as attorney for the union. Secretary Ray Colliver and Phalen have been working on the case for some time.

## Firemen Praised For Heroic Action

John Muzio, 36, an Oakland fireman, has been officially commended by the City Council for rescuing three persons from a blazing automobile after a December 16 train-auto collision.

Fire Chief Burke said that Muzio's action not only showed his ability to think quickly in an emergency, but was done at the risk of his life.

Muzio stopped and performed the herioc deed while driving to work.

## Number of Jobless Increases in S. F.

A report put out by the California State Employment Service shows that there has been a steady increase in unemployment in San Francisco during 1948, that some 35,000 persons are now seeking work there, that about 2500 of them may get jobs next month, but that more than that number will be added to the list of jobless.

The 35,000 unemployed represent an increase of almost 50 percent over the same period last year.

## Unions Settling in New Temple

### Inevitable Confusion of Moving Straightening Out, and Offices Getting Down to Their Routine; Labor Temple Assn. Gives the List of Occupants

Some three dozen organizations were busy setting up headquarters in the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez street this week, and were in various stages of looking for this or that mixed up in the shuffle.

It was believed that as the New Year got under way everything would be pretty well settled down.

Secretary Ray Hipkins of the Labor Temple Association has listed the occupants, giving before the name of each organization the room number. Some of the organizations occupy more than one room, but for convenience The Labor Journal gives in each instance only the first room number on the list for an organization:

**GROUND FLOOR**

1—Hodcarriers No. 166.
2—Pile Drivers No. 34.
6—Laborers No. 304.

**FIRST FLOOR**

101—Building Trades Council.
102—Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432.
103—Sign and Pictorial Painters No. 878.
104—Paint Makers' Union No. 1101.
105—Clerks and Lumber Handlers No. 939.
106—Painters No. 127.
107—Carpet and Linoleum Layers No. 1290.
108—Labor Journal.
109—Typographical Union No. 36.
111—Plasterers' Union No. 112, Lathers No. 88.
112—Bricklayers No. 8.
113—Butchers' Union No. 120.
114—Central Labor Council.

**SECOND FLOOR**

201—Steamfitters' Union No. 342.
202—Auto Painters' Union No. 1176.
204—Structural Shopmen No. 491.
206—Sheet Metal Workers No. 216.
208—Cement Finishers No. 594.
209—Bakers' Union No. 119.
211—Sheet Metal Auto Body Workers No. 355.
214—Retail Delivery Drivers No. 588.
215—Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 125.
216—Roofers No. 81.
217—Gas Appliance Union No. 340.
218—Plumbers No. 444.
220—Retail Food Clerks No. 870.
223—Carpenters' State Council.
224—Iron Workers' Union No. 378.
225—Auto Mechanics No. 1546.
226—Auto Mechanics No. 1546.
230—Garage Employees No. 78.
232—Carpenters No. 194.

## Union Opponent of Jr. College Thanks Journal for Space

Editor, Labor Journal:

On behalf of myself and the committee for a No vote on the Junior College Proposal of December 14th may I take this opportunity of saying thanks for the generous space alloted to us in your Journal.

The stories as carried by the Journal I am sure was very instrumental in helping us defeat the Junior College proposal by as large a margin as we did.

Again may I say thanks and with Best Wishes for the New Year I remain,

Sincerely,
HOWELL PLEMMONS,
Member Board Trustees
Hayward Union High School District
Member Retail Food Clerks No. 870.

**(Editor's Note: Our readers will remember that the Junior College measure was endorsed by the Central and Building Trades Councils, and that The Labor Journal editorially supported it. We published statements by Brother Plemmons and others who opposed it in line with our policy of freedom of expression for all.)**

## State Fed Council Meets January 8-9

State Federation News Service

The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will meet January 8 and 9 in San Francisco, at the Hotel Whitcomb.

The legislative program which the Federation will follow will be thoroughly discussed as well as the resolutions referred by the recent convention to the Council for further action. A report on the action taken on the various resolutions adopted by the convention will also be given. Numerous important items are included in the agenda for the Council's two-day session.

Minutes of the meeting will be published and sent to the affiliated organizations.

## Union Oil Workers Vote on Proposal

Settlement of the dispute between the CIO Oil Workers and the Union Oil Company has been offered to the union for a vote at the Oleum plant in Contra Costa county.

Labor representatives have contended that the company was willing to take back only 400 out of the 2300 workers who went on strike September 4 at the Oleum and Wilmington plants of the Union Company.

Terms of the proposed settlement were not announced by State Conciliator Glenn Bowers.

The CIO has contended that the Union Oil Company was the spearhead of a drive to break up the union.

## $168,000,000 Won By Machinists in Year Despite T-H

IAM Press Release

Despite the difficulties of the Taft- Hartley Act, the International Association of Machinists is winding up a successful year of collective bargaining.

The box score for 1948, made public by Grand Lodge, shows that more than 700,000 men and women working under Machinist union contracts won raises totalling more than $168,000,000 this year.

This sum represents the cash amount of the wage increases over and above additional improvements in working conditions such as longer paid vacations, paid holidays, higher second-shift differential, sick leave, pension plans, improved classifications, and other fringe issues.

The year's total does not include separate gains being made by 100,000 I. A. M. railroad machinists and helpers who are now studying the recommendations of the President's Fact Finding Board. Railroad machinists bargain in cooperation with other railroad organizations on an industry-wide basis.

**T-H CAUSED DELAYS**

In making public this report, I. A. M. President Harvey W. Brown pointed out that under the Taft-Hartley Act, negotiations with most employers have been slower and more difficult than ever before in recent union history.

The number of strike votes taken this year was more than double that of the pre-Taft-Hartley era, Mr. Brown explained. Despite the difficulties, the I. A. M. has preserved its record of settling more than 99 percent of its negotiations without any interruption of work.

The Grand Lodge box score shows that the average I. A. M. member won direct wage increases amounting to $241.28 or 11.6 cents an hour.

**LIVING COSTS UP**

In addition to this amount, fringe issues won by the I. A. M. this year represented a cash equivalent of 3.2 cents an hour, making the total economic gain this year 14.8 cents an hour.

Increases this year were pretty well distributed throughout the various industries in which I. A. M. members are working including airframe, job shops, parts manufacturing, oil, chemical, commercial garages, repair shops, air lines, bus lines, general manufacturing and Army and Navy establishments.

Despite our achievements, Mr. Brown told The Machinist, "we have been so slowed down by the Taft-Hartley Act that we have not been able to keep up with rising prices."

Living costs have gone up 35 percent since 1946, I. A. M. wages have risen 30 percent.

## Waterfront Still Remote From Peace

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins announces that the AFL Sailors' Union of the Pacific has agreed to defer for a week its proposed strike vote.

The ship owners and the union have been conferring with the assistance of Hoskins. The sailors have demanded wage increases from $20 to $60 a month; the ship owners are offering from $16 to $35.

Under the Taft-Hartley Law, there can be no strike until February 13, the union having given notice of intention to ask revision of contract on December 13.

The coastwise trade in which steam schooners are involved is still strikebound, employers' offers having been rejected by the CIO Marine Cooks, by the Independent Marine Firemen, and by the AFL Radio Officers.

Sailing of two passenger liners immobilized for 95 days by the CIO maritime strike was held up for some hours recently in a dispute connected with the Sailors' Union of the Pacific's negotiations.

AFL longshoremen in Tacoma and Port Angeles, where the CIO longshoremen have never managed to get control, went back to work this week after a five-day work stoppage. The men claimed that CIO longshoremen had tried to intimidate them. At the time these men returned to work, Seattle AFL longshoremen were still out.

## *PAINT MAKERS!* Local 1101!

All meetings from now on will be held in the new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The first Executive Board meeting January 3 in new office room 104.

The first regular meeting on January 17 in auditorium on third floor. Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE,
Business Representative

## Nothing Personal

As the old year 1948 creaks out and the young, vigorous 1949 takes over, we would like to express our thanks fro many things that came our way during 1948. In using the term "our way" we speak of the Labor Journal and the splendid support given the paper by the AFL labor movement of Alameda County, who have been kind, considerate, patient, praisegiving, at times and sometimes critical of our efforts to produce a good, lively and readable paper. To the Labor Paper Advisory Committee for their 100% cooperation and support, who have never individually or collectively interfered, criticized or failed to support the efforts of the editor, staff members, and business manager, whose weekly efforts make the Labor Journal possible. To them our thanks.

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**To all those unions whose business agents are making it a point, (and have been for some time now) to call in their news to this paper first, so that the readers of the Labor Journal will be the first to know what is happening in their own particular union, without having to get a "version" of it in the daily press. To all those union officers and members who have been taking increasing pride in their own paper and have been heard to commend its policy its ever increasing readability, and who have come forth on many occasions with honest and just criticisms of what was wrong with the paper. To them our thanks.**

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To Dave Reznek of the Political Science Class of the University of California who wrote a book about the Labor Journal and honestly and objectively pointed out the faults and good points about the Labor Journal. Much work was done by Mr. Reznek and it is greatly appreciated. To the Oakland Tribune Knave who has kept the Labor Journal staff on its toes, protecting its rear so it won't be exposed to a lusty kick, and who has made life much more pleasanter by those "boners" that the Labor Journal has gleefully called attention to. To them our thanks for making 1948 so interesting.

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**To the many Labor Papers that have reprinted Labor Journal editorials and news articles, giving full credit of the source. Too the many international magazines that have done the same, always acknowledging in their lead that this article or editorial came from the East Bay Labor Journal. To the other sources of information that have reprinted our articles and even thanks to those papers that have reprinted articles that first appeared in the Labor Journal that haven't given credit. We read them all boys and we know the reasons why. To them our thanks.**

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Our thanks too to the many contributing editors, the womans auxiliary correspondents and those other by line names that are seen scattered throughout the paper for their interest in writing their thoughts for our readers. To the union correspondents who make page two such a readable and interesting page for the local union members. To the State Federation of Labor, President Jack Shelley, Secretary Neil Haggerty and to Barney Mayes for the weekly newsletter that keeps us up to the minute on AFL labor happenings in California.

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**To the Oakland Board of Education for providing us with such interesting news material with their manipulations of their "closed corporation" of School Directors, to the Food Clerks, Carmen, Machinists, Printers, Culinary Workers and Building Tradesmen who have been much in the headlines both locally and nationally fighting the T-H law and gaining increases for their membership. To all those Congressmen who by voting for the T-H law did a better job in driving the AFL and CIO together politically than all the "peace" meetings could ever have done. To them our thanks.**

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To the mechanical end of the Labor Journal, Marie Swanson the office manager of the print shop and Mary Fabilli who assists her; the skipper of the press, Bill Carr, Henry Damon and Chris Glogovac the linotype operators, Harry Tucker of the Pressroom and Walter Standart the Mailer. To Paul Moffatt and his crew at the Gazette Press, the Pacific Bindery and Bert Slay of the Arrow Trucking Co. To all of Uncle Sams loyal and conscientious postmen who deliver the Labor Journal to your home each week. To all of them also our thanks.

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**And last but not least to our union subscribers and our advertisers who make this paper possible. To our subscribers our thanks for your patronage and support. To our advertisers for your support also, and the knowledge too that without it our struggles would be that much harder. To all of you and to those that we may have missed we wish to express our deep thanks for making 1948 an interesting, fast moving and exciting year. With such continued support we are sure that 1949 will be just as exciting, just as interesting and we hope much more fruitful. Happy 1948.**

**HERBERT W. ERSKINE, S. F.** attorney, has been urged upon President Truman as the man to appoint to the Federal District Court bench, in a letter written by State Senator Oliver J. Carter, head of the Democratic State Committee.

# Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

## 'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The American School of Watchmaking of Los Angeles, circulated the Bay Area during December attempting to place their Watchmaker graduates in this area. A form letter dated December 20, along with a questionnaire blank consisting of 15 questions was received from the Student Personnel office.

As secretary of the Local Joint Apprenticeship Committee, I wrote the school Personnel Director, informing him that our Apprentice boys would get first preference when vacancies occur.

I stressed the fact that no openings were available in this area at the present time and in view of the fact that they were soliciting jobs in this area, I assumed the same conditions must prevail in Los Angeles.

His attention was called to the Article appearing in the September 15th issue of the trade magazine "Jewelry," written by Hans C. Jensen, president of the Wisconsin Watchmakers' Association. This article covered the Watchmaker Apprentice situation in general and the consensus of opinion is that there is no outstanding need for Watchmakers.

We in this area, are endeavoring to keep our territory from becoming flooded with school graduates looking for work. However, most of us knew that we had too many schools teaching Watchmaking and that sooner or later the saturation point would be reached as it was after World War I. We may or may not have reached that point at the present time, however, I feel sure that 1949 will give us the answer.

At the present time we have three or four Journeymen members looking for work and if you know of any openings or possible future openings, I would appreciate it if you will call the Union office with this information.

**REMEMBER THIS**—It will be the Union ONLY that will keep wages, working conditions and business ethics above the average and it is YOU who must maintain the Union.

Each January this becomes very clear to us in this office because new Union dues cards must be made up. You will receive your new 1949 dues card by mail prior to the January meeting, providing your December dues are paid. In order to make it easier for yourself and also avoid delay at the January meeting, I suggest you pay your December dues before the meeting night. Dues can be mailed to the Union office—693 Mission street.

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## OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

1918 Grove Street is now the address of Local 29. This is the building where we hold our Oakland meetings and the office is just across the hall from the 2nd floor where we generally meet. For those who may not have attended any Oakland meeting, we might add that the building is on Grove just below where Grove crosses San Pablo.

At our last meeting all proposals for amending our constitution were defeated so we will continue to have two meetings a month, no fine for non-attendance, negotiations will be handled as in the past, and the Stewards' Council will function as in the past.

It was reported by Business Agent Kinnick at the meeting that negotiations for the laundry industry had been completed with a general wage increase of 10 cents per hour being won by the union. The increase will become effective on three dates with the first increase of 5 cents effective on January 1st, and the other two of 2½ cents effective on March 1st and May 1st. This will give our members a scale of from $170.75 per month for beginners to $227.06 for supervising clerks. The union also won a provision for payment of prorated vacation pay upon termination after one year, and one providing that the forty hour work-week shall be worked in five days. Since the union first gained the 40 hour week, most laundries have only worked a five day week but this is the first time it has been written into the contract.

Permission was granted at the meeting for the officers to sign the small creamery contract with the recently organized Creamcrest Dairy.

Elsewhere in the paper is a news article giving details of our arbitration case with Todd Pacific Shipyards which is being handled by Secretary-Treasurer Colliver. He also reported at the meeting that an offer of the Consolidated Freightways had been turned down by members working there and that negotiations were continuing.

Two Golden State marriages are reported in the personal news. One is a true Golden State romance with our member, Wanda Russo, marrying Floyd Little who is employed as a driver by that company. The other marriage took place in Reno where Esle Beatrice Vandeventer was married to Roy McCleeve. To both sisters we wish much happiness and prosperity.

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## CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Greetings to all our members and to the members of Local No. 36 and all other Building Trades Unions, from Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

We hope this week will see all who are ill, well on the road to recovery. Among these are Barney Holder, Rosseta Holder, and Esther Dedman. We hope all will start the New Year in the best of health.

Flo and Chester Bartalini we know are enjoying a wonderful visit with daughter Irene. We are all thinking of you and hoping everything is well with all of your family.

Members keep in mind the date of our next meeting which will be our social night January 14, 1949. Plan to come and help all enjoy the evening.

We are sorry to have to report Bee Cameron's husband on the injured list. Mr. Cameron hurt his hand and has not been working for some time. Best of wishes for a speedy recovery from us all and relief from that cast.

Let us all start the New Year resolving to keep our obligation as a member of this Auxiliary, forgetting all upsetting things and make a new start all along the line with the idea of making this a banner year for our members and for our Auxiliary.

Buy UNION. Ask for UNION CARD. Buy in UNION STORES. Stand together, not only for ourselves, but for the good of the majority.

A Happy New Year and Health and Prosperity to you all from

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

**DUTCH LABOR PARTY**, which is supported by most of Holland's trade unionists, sharply attacked the Netherlands Communist Party for its attempts to turn the workers against the Marshall plan for European recovery.—(LPA)

## Labor Cost $1829 on $12,000 House; Only Sixteen Percent of the Total

**The Eleven Forty-Niner, monthly publication of Shipwrights Local 1149, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Carpenters, prints in its current issue a picture of some ordinary looking houses with the following statement beneath the picture:**

The houses pictured above were each sold for $12,000.00. The following is a complete break-down of labor costs, indicating that the total cost of labor in the construction of each house was less than 16%.

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| Painters | 16 days | $15.00 per day | $ 240.00 |
| Plumbers | 8 days | 18.00 per day | 144.00 |
| Laborers | 6 days | 12.00 per day | 72.00 |
| Tile Setters | 3 days | 19.00 per day | 57.00 |
| Electricians | 3 days | 18.00 per day | 54.00 |
| Sheet Metal Workers | 3 days | 16.00 per day | 48.00 |
| Plasterers | 2 days | 22.50 per day | 45.00 |
| Bricklayers | 2 days | 22.50 per day | 45.00 |
| Tile Setter Helper | 3 days | 14.30 per day | 42.90 |
| Hod Carriers | 2 days | 19.12½ per day | 38.25 |
| Roofers | 2 days | 16.00 per day | 32.00 |
| Hodcarrier | 1 day | 20.00 per day | 20.00 |
| Cement Finisher | 1 day | 16.00 per day | 16.00 |
| Terazzo Step Worker | 1 day | 16.00 per day | 16.00 |
| Helper | 1 day | 15.00 per day | 15.00 |
| | | | $ 885.15 |
| Carpenters | 59 days | 16.00 per day | 944.00 |
| | | | $1,839.15 |

## Murray Announces World Union Plan

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A group of four CIO leaders will visit London in mid-January to discuss international labor cooperation and the future of the World Federation of Trade Unions with chiefs of the British Trades Union Congress, CIO President Philip Murray announced.

The CIO delegation will consist of CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, who has led the fight in the WFTU against attempts to make it a Russian propaganda agency, President Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers, President L. S. Buckmaster of the United Rubber Workers, and United Steelworkers of America Secretary-Treasurer David MacDonald. Joining them in London will be Elmer Cope, CIO representative at WFTU Paris headquarters.

Following the London discussions on what the future policy of CIO, TUC, and other leading non-Communist affiliates to the WFTU should be towards that body, Carey will go on to Paris for a WFTU executive bureau meeting.

Last winter pro-Russian blocs in the WFTU prevented it from calling a conference of U. S. and European unions interested in the implementation of the Marshall plan. Then a fight led by Carey, and TUC leader Arthur Deakin, WFTU's president, forced the "left-wing" secretary of WFTU to desist from pumping Cominform propaganda through WFTU channels.

Since these incidents, most CIO leaders feel, "there has been no successful compromise obtained to achieve a working program for the WFTU which would serve the trade union interests of its nearly 70,000,000 members.

The CIO convention last month authorized its officers to confer with British and other western European labor leaders on all the problems of the WFTU and international labor cooperation.

## Doctors' Union is Facing Struggle

CHICAGO (LPA)—A fancy San Francisco public relations firm was hired by the American Medical Association to put over the AMA campaign against compulsory health insurance.

Expecting a tough battle in the Congress session ahead, AMA has bought the services of Clem Whitaker and Leon Baxter, the team that killed the California health insurance program proposed by Gov. Earl Warren. The firm is expected to educate the public against the dangers of "political medicine."

What the top AMA boys haven't bargained for, though, is resistance among their own membership to the $25 assessment it has levied to build a $3,500,000 war chest for the fight. A meeting of the Washington, D. C., chapter last week showed hostility to Dr. George F. Lull, AMA general manager, when he addressed the gathering.

Dr. Thomas E. Mattingly, a practicing Washington physician, pointed out during a floor discussion that voluntary medical insurance plans fall far short of social needs. Many questions from the members objected to the way the assessment decision was hastily adopted in a closed AMA session and demanded to know whether they would be expelled if they refused to pay it. Dr. Lull said that the AMA constitution does not provide for automatic expulsions.

Meanwhile, in AMA's home base, Chicago, the Committee on the Chicago-Cook County Health Survey revealed that the budget of the Cook County Department of Public Health for this year is under 25¢ per capita for the 800,000 persons now living in the suburban area. $1 a head is considered the minimum for health protection under modern living conditions.

## Mayors Will Back Real Housing Plan

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A strong long-range housing bill will be advocated by the nation's mayors, as a result of a fight led by labor-backed city officials from Detroit at the session here of the American Municipal Association.

At the yearly conference of the municipalities, City Council President George Edwards and Mayor Eugene Van Antwerp took the lead in rewriting and strengthening the cities' housing demands to include passage of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner long-range housing bill. Both Edwards and Van Antwerp were elected a year ago with solid labor backing.

Getting down to specifics, the municipalities urged that the Congress be asked in the TEW bill to provide for $1 billion in long-term loans for local low-cost housing projects, and special financing to enable replacement of the "temporary" World War II housing projects.

Congress will be asked, also, to keep federal control over wartime public housing projects to the extent necessary to keep them out of the hands of speculators.

## Government Workers To Ask Pay Raises

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Government Workers Union-CIO announced that it will ask the 81st Congress for a bill granting pay raises to federal employes and reorganizing civil service classifications.

GWU, affiliated with the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers-CIO, was formed last year when dissident locals left United Public Workers claiming it was dominated by pro-Communists.

The pay bill which GWU now seeks proposes raises of 20% to 30%, particularly for those workers in the lower brackets. The salary hikes suggested range from $400 to $1000 a year and provides a minimum wage of $1.00 an hour.

The proposal includes a reclassification of jobs to streamline government personnel procedures and make them more understandable to the rank-and-file federal workers.

"W hope to convince Congress, said legislative chairman Harry Leet, "that what is needed is not only the skeleton of a new classification scheme, but a complete overhauling of the federal pay structure in line with postwar realities."

If you're there before it's over, you're on time.—James J. Walker.

## Much News of Many People!

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S. F. MUNI CARMEN get $700,000 more a year under Superior Judge Murphy's recent ruling, plus $300,000 back pay. New rate is $1.484 an hour compared to former $1.368.

GOVERNOR'S MAIN JOB during coming session of Legislature, he says, will be to prevent dissipation of some $400,000 in State reserve funds put aside for "building hospitals, youth facilities, correctional institutions, universities, and colleges."

ALLEGED COMMUNIST Nat Vanish of Oakland, formerly with People's World, has been denied by Federal Judge Harris a motion to block a deportation hearing.

**DYKE BROWN, East Bay attorney boosted by many labor people as a good candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Seventh District, has been named an assistant to H. Rowan Gaither, newly appointed head of an advisory group for the $205,000,000 Ford Foundation financed in the wills of Henry and Edsel Ford.**

NEGRO SUPERIOR JUDGE, first in State's history, nominated by Governor Warren in Los Angeles court. He's Municipal Judge E. L. Jefferson, 43.

**BABIES' AID in S. F. closing down after 86 years of service because of failure of Community Chest to make its goal.**

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOWSER says he'll take charge of the prosecution's case in the effort of Howser's former aide, Caddell, to get reversed on appeal his conviction as a bribe-taker. Howser has indicated he thinks Caddell, now under a 31-year sentence, is innocent.

**CODE FOR TRUCKERS emphasizing safety and courtesy adopted by Truck Owners Association, but it's the AFL Teamos who'll have to make the thing work. Teamos claim sometimes the truck owners demand such schedules it's hard to play safe and be courteous at all times.**

$75,000 BACK PAY goes to Film Writer Lester Cole, fired by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for refusing to tell Un-Am Committee whether or not he was a Commie; and he gets his $1350 a week job back. Superior Judge Yankwich of Los Angeles in ordering Cole returned to his job said that Eric Johnston, the movie czar, in advising the firing of Cole and others had shown himself to be "dogmatic, a doctrinaire, and an absolutist."

OIL STRIKE VIOLENCE cases of 75 members of the CIO Oil Workers Union have been put over to July by the Richmond Police Court.

500 BRAKEMEN LOSE JOBS in California under State Proposition No. 3 enacted in the last election, is one estimate.

FIVE MARINE COOKS ousted by the CIO from membership for calling their union leaders Commies have submitted part of their suit for restoration to membership and some $60,000 in back pay to Superior Judge Foley in S. F.

**SCHOOL CAFETERIAS are usually not much good, says Superintendent Clish of S. F., but he says the ones in that city are going to be improved. Kids and parents have been kicking.**

CITIES SHOULD NOT butt in on foreign policy of nation, argue S. F. Supervisors Lewis and Mancuso, ejected from a Board meeting recently for refusing to vote on whether Israel should be recognized and further aid be given China.

**ARMY GAVE BUMS' RUSH to union reporters and photographers trying to cover wedding of an Army officer with a Japanese woman at the Oakland Army Base chapel. Then when the papers began yelling, the Army began investigating itself to see why it did it.**

"MONEY TO GREECE is not enough, we must help the people to help themselves," Henry F. Grady, U. S. Ambassador to Greece, said in a recent flying visit to his home in Bay Area.

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS which would have netted $136 in fines gained a driver only 7 seconds compared with time he'd have taken if he'd obeyed all the rules on a 1.8 mile test run in S. F. recently.**

BAY AREA RELIEF COST has gone up nearly 56% in the last two years, says Bay Area Council. That's for nine counties, but in Alameda county the jump has been 60%, with $7,891,289 paid out for relief and welfare in the 1947-48 year.

**WHAT'S THE BAY AREA? Does it include nine counties or five? Government has for 20 years in its figures included these nine: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano. Government now proposes to drop Napa, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma, causing a big beef in Chamber of Commerce circles.**

AFL MASTERS, MATES, Pilots' local president, Charles F. May, has returned from an ILO conference in Geneva, and believes 8 of 9 proposals there adopted for international minimum standards for seamen should be approved by the U. S. Senate. E. J. Bradley of Matson's, the employer delegate, favors ratification of only 5 of the 9.

RETIRED JUDGE ST. SURE'S place on the Federal bench hasn't been filled yet, and there's much gossip about whom the President will appoint. Republicans spread the story that one attorney made such a strong speech for Mr. Truman during the campaign that Mr. Truman sent for a copy of the speech to see if the campaign orator should get the Judgeship.

WOMAN AND CHILD LABOR on the farms of California ran high during the peak of the harvest season this year, says State's Department of Employment, with 62,000 women working, and 48,000 boys and girls under 18 working.

**TIME AND HALF PAY for women and children after they've worked 12 hours in a day must be paid, the State's Attorney General's office has ruled. Some employer claimed that the Welfare Commission had no right to demand this for the women and kids.**

CONGRESSMAN HAVENNER of S. F., who continues in office with the backing of organized labor, told the Commonwealth Club recently that rent controls, repeal of the T-H Law, and revised tax structures, will stand high on the list for the 81st Congress.

CROSS FILING in primary elections is "in the interest of good government," says Governor Warren. Some Southern California Republicans say they're going to back an initiative measure to abolish the practice, and are sore at the Governor for running on both GOP and Demo tickets the time he took the Demo nomination away from Bob Kenny.

**S. F. AUTO MECHANICS working for the city are entitled to the same sick benefits and vacation pay as any other municipal employes, Superior Judge Finley has ruled in an action brought by Automotive Machinists Lodge 1305.**

OAKLAND MAYOR JOE SMITH was told by President Truman, says Drew Pearson the columnist, that we ought to get rid of cross filing in primaries in California, build up a strong two-party system. The President, according to Pearson, told Mayor Joe that he would "keep the West in mind in building up new Democratic Party leaders."

**STATE WELFARE DIRECTOR, first official of that title, has been sworn in: Mrs. Myrtle Williams, assuming the post under provisions of State Proposition No. 4, to administer relief to the aged and blind. But Governor Warren says he isn't going to fire present State Welfare Commission, as it has other duties besides those Mrs. Williams is to take over under the new law.**

THIS COUNTY IS GYPED by the use of gasoline tax refunds for Bay Bridge appurtenances instead of for improving highways in Alameda county, a delegation including State Senator Breed told the State Highway Commission.

THAT $25 PER DOCTOR being raised by the American Medical Assn. to fight "socialized medicine" will be spent partly on Clem Whitaker and Leone Baxter, Bay Area public relations firm, hired for a national campaign by the AMA.

**TWO FULL CREWS for each garbage ship would be needed, if sea dumping of garbage is resumed, according to figures presented to the Alameda County Garbage Study Committee. Garbage was so handled before the war. The two crews are needed so the ships could make long trips out, to prevent the garbage washing back on shore.**

NEW DOCKS ARBITRATOR for both Northern California Area and whole Pacific Coast is Sam Kagel. Succeeds Arthur C. Miller. Arbitrators don't last long in that job.

## Killen is Named to Labor Post in ECA

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Vice President James Killen of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers-AFL is waiting final confirmation of his appointment as labor adviser to the Economic Cooperation Administration mission to England.

Ever since Killen resigned, as a protest against General Douglas MacArthur's new anti-union policies, from his post as labor adviser to the American occupation authorities in Japan, his name has been mentioned as a "possible" for the important Marshall plan assignment.

In addition to enthusiastic AFL backing for the job in Britain, Killen has a strong endorsement from CIO President Philip Murray.

An expletive relieves tension and does no harm.—William McDougall.

## Battle on the Oil Tidelands Looming

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Truman administration is fighting to return the oil-rich tidelands to the American people, to whom they belong.

An important round in this fight began when Attorney General Tom Clark filed suit in the Supreme Court for federal jurisdiction over tidelands off the Texas and Louisiana coasts. The Court ruled in June, 1947 that the government has first rights to the California coastal lands, and Clark is asking that they apply the same reasoning to the Gulf coast.

The Tidelands battle has been raging since 1946 when Truman vetoed a bill making the lands the property of the states. In the 80th Congress, the wealthy and powerful oil lobby succeeded in pushing a similar bill through the House but it died in the Senate.

Millions of dollars a year are involved in the dispute. Millions will go to the federal government in taxes if the land is established as federal land, or to the states if they win it. The profit-happy oil companies want the states to control this wealth, because the states don't regulate them the way the federal government does. The oil lobby financed the Dixiecrats in the recent elections, hoping they would win enough Congressmen to insure control by the states.

Truman, on the other hand, campaigned under the banner of federal control of the tidelands. Labor has long urged federal control of these lands. The International Association of Machinists demanded an investigation of the tidelands lobby and the CIO passed a resolution at its Portland convention asking that the lands be returned to the federal government.

Texas and Louisiana officials have announced they will fight the court case and their representatives in Congress will wage a battle there. "You can't print what I think," was the comment of Gov. Beauford Jester of Texas when he heard that Attorney General Clark had filed the suit. He called the administration case "an effort to nationalize public property and natural resources."

Clark also asked the court to require Texas and Louisiana to account to the United States for all money they've made from the tidelands since the California decision. It was estimated that Louisiana alone received over $34,000,000 from the offshore oil properties. The federal government is not asking for jurisdiction over bays, rivers, lagoons and other inland waters.

Truman will discuss the tidelands issue in his January 5 State of the Union message.

## Civil Rights Seen As Battle Center

WASHINGTON (LPA) — All indications point to a knock-down drag-out fight in Congress on President Truman's civil rights program. In three southern states, Dixiecrats demonstrated their belligerance by doing their utmost to keep Negroes in the "second class citizen" position by not allowing them to go to the polls.

In Georgia, Gov. "Hummon" Talmadge's stooges have come up with a "white supremacy" bill frankly aimed at barring 80% of the state's Negroes from voting. Under the proposed legislation, to which no effective opposition will be voiced, all present voters' registration lists wil be junked and an entirely new state-wide registration will be undertaken. Emphasis will be laid on a "good educational qualification" which will cut out 80% of this ignorant block vote" according to Georgia House Speaker Fred Land.

Meanwhile, in Mobile, Ala., registrar E. J. Gonzales testified that most Negroes must "understand and explain" the U. S. Constitution to the satisfaction of the registrars, whereas whites are almost never asked to do so.

And the South Carolina state Democratic Party announced that it would appeal for the second time the decision of a Federal District Court ruling that party membership must be opened to Negroes and that they could not be denied full participation in party affairs.

## Knitgoods Workers

NEW YORK (LPA)—New York's knitgoods workers, members of Local 155 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL, kept high the ILGWU's spectacular record in NLRB union shop authorization polls.

Despite the fact that many shops were closed due to the holiday season, over 5000 of the knitgoods workers turned out to vote in the NLRB-conducted ballot which the Taft-Hartley law requires for certification of a union shop contract. A total of 4545 workers voted for the union shop, while only 66 voted "no."

Manager Louis Nelson said that he was happy about the better than 98% vote of confidence in the union.

"A previous election held among the cloakmakers, one of the oldest unions in the ILGWU showed an overwhelming 'yes' vote. This election in one of the younger branches of the international showed the same understanding and determination of the workers to maintain their labor unions and union working conditions," he declared.

The Knitgoods Workers Union is an industrial local affiliated with the ILGWU. All crafts in the industry are included in Local 155, and all joined enthusiastically in supporting their union.



**PAUL L. PHILLIPS, President, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, says:**

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## UNESCO Will Pay Heed to Unionism

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor unions and their contribution to human progress will receive more attention from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a result of the suggestions made by Frank Grasso, trade union advisor to the U. S. delegation at UNESCO's third general conference.

Grasso, who is secretary-treasurer of the United Paperworkers of America-CIO, stated upon his return from Lebanon, Syria, where the conference was held, that the establishment of a labor liaison section in UNESCO will stimulate trade union interest in its work.

Other Grasso suggestions that were adopted by the U. S. delegations, and then by the entire international body include:

Aid from UNESCO in reestablishing war-destroyed trade union libraries;

Participation by workers and formers as well as scholars in UNESCO's international travel programs;

A volume on trade union contributions to human welfare in UNESCO's contemplated "History of Mankind"; and

A study of UNESCO of the causes of the rise of fascism in pre-war Germany and Italy "to provide a basis for recognition of such movements and possibly prevent the promotion of future fascist states."

Early in the conference the CIO spokesman told the American delegation that to date UNESCO had been "all too academic in its approach." It has been composed mainly of educators, scientists and scholars.

"I agreed," Grasso disclosed," that these professional people cannot singlehandedly produce peace. UNESCO must become a mass movement, and any mass movement must necessarily include labor."

Mustapha El Ariss, conference observer for the World Federation of Trade Unions, and reported also to the Cominform representative in the Near East, was arrested by Lebanese police for organizing an anti-government demonstration in front of the UNESCO meeting hall.

Grasso commented, on his return, upon the contract between the democracy in the nearby state of Israel, which he visited, and the lack of democracy in Lebanon.

The Moslem authorities there even censor Time magazine before letting it be distributed in the country, he declared.

## Millinery Workers Get Wage Increases

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Millinery Workers' Joint Board of the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' Union-AFL, in New York, completed action on a new three-year contract which provides important wage and welfare benefits for its 12,000 members.

Negotiations for the new contract began in January. It was ratified unanimously by a membership meeting recently.

Basic daily pay for piece workers is increased by 30c an hour, bringing trimmers to $1.65 an hour, blockers to $3.15. These are actually minimum rates, since under the industry's union-policed piece rate system most workers earn more per hour than the minimum. The additional piece rates are upped 10 per cent by the new contract.

Minimum pay for week workers is being increased by $10 a week, and week workers whose pay already exceeded the new minimum will get a $5 raise.

At the same time employer contributions to the union's welfare funds are increased from 5 per cent to 6 per cent of payroll. One third of the welfare fund receipts will go for paid vacations for workers, another third for sick benefits—payable for as many as 15 weeks in a single year, while the final third will be used to establish a retirement fund.

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# Oakland Can't Afford to Keep Slums, Housing Survey Theory

**Oakland's Health, monthly publication of the Oakland Department of Health, printed the following in its last issue:**

At the request of the City Council, the City Planning Commission is mapping a comprehensive plan to rebuild large sections of Oakland.

The Planning Commission was instructed to investigate the possibilities of rebuilding slum areas under the terms of California's Community Redevelopment Act. Under the Act, cities can rip them out and convert them to appropriate use with state, federal, or other available financial aid.

According to John Marr, City Planning Engineer, the Commission's first job is to designate the areas suitable for redevelopment. Mr. Marr believes the city can easily prove that the census tracts west of Market Street, between the Bay and Bay Bridge on the north, constitute a "blighted area" under the definition of the Redevelopment Act.

**Health Department sanitarians have lent a hand and are conducting a spot check of housing conditions in the West Oakland area. By comparing conditions today with those existing in 1936, when a previous survey was made, the rate of deterioration in a given neighborhood can be determined.**

**BUILT BEFORE 1900**

Most of the dwellings in the area under consideration were built before 1900, Mr. Marr's studies show. He pointed out that the 1940 census revealed 15-60% of West Oakland houses needed major repair or were without private bath. The same census reported that 15% of the dwellings in some tracts housed more than one and one-half persons per room, which according to Sidney Dommes, Public Health Engineer, is the minimum standard for healthful housing.

The redevelopment plan to be submitted to the City for consideration, Mr. Marr explains, will provide for low, medium, and high rental housing. The areas finally designated as residential will be protected against encroachment by industrial building. Shopping centers and schools will be spaced according to population needs, and streets will be widened or eliminated to provide both better service and more building and recreation space.

One of the major obstacles to the demolition and rebuilding of slum areas in any large city at this time has been the lack of housing for the temporarily displaced families. The Planning Commission is now surveying all the vacant property in the city so that provisions for them can be made.

**"A dollar and cents analysis proves that Oakland cannot afford the increasing cost of slums," Mr. Marr says. "Taxes collected from the census tracts tentatively selected for redevelopment do not pay for the disproportionate share of the city's health, fire, and police protection required in the area."**

Police records show that the juvenile delinquency rate in these census tracts, for white and non-white children alike, is eight times higher than in the more favored area north of College Avenue.

Public health expenditures in West Oakland are equally high. There are approximately 13 times more people with tuberculosis, 20 times more tuberculosis deaths, and five times more infant deaths in proportion to the population than in the city as a whole.

## Housing Group Has Launched a Paper

California Housing

Through a series of meetings held since the election, leaders of the Proposition No. 14 campaign have begun the organization of a new California Housing Association to carry on the fight for decent housing in California. The new organization will have for its primary organizational base, the local campaign committees that operated during the recent election.

"We, here in California, would be guilty of serious neglect of our duty if we did not now continue our local housing committees established during our recent campaign. Congressmen must be informed of local thinking. City councils and boards of supervisors must approve every new low-rent project to be built under any new housing legislation that the Congress might enact. We cannot retire now and turn the field over to the real estate groups that defeated us in our initiative fight," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, chairman of the Proposition No. 14 campaign told the first meeting of state housing leaders in Santa Barbara on November 13.

Present plans call for the monthly publication of "California Housing" to be the major activity of the new organization. Through the publication of a monthly housing newspaper, local housing councils, and citizen throughout the state will be able to keep abreast of what is going on "housing-wise."

Officers of the California Housing Initiative Committee will continue during the period or reorganization, with a new group to take over upon completion of organizational plans. A broad Board of Directors of fifty, representative of state wide organizations and local housing councils is in the process of being asked to head the new California Housing Association.

## House Un-Am Names Bridges, 12 Others

President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and 12 other officials of the CIO were listed by the House Un-American Activities Committee recently as "Communist officers" who hold "positions of critical influence."

Communist domination of Bridges' union, the committee's statement said, "could wreck the whole U. S. fighting power" during wartime by paralyzing shipping.

The CIO American Communications Association, said the committee, could "garble messages so as to sink ships, wreck planes, tap intelligence channels and isolate us from the rest of the world."

In addition to Bridges, the following were listed as "Communists officers" of the CIO unions:

Ben Gold, president, International Fur and Leather Workers Union; Samuel Burt, vice president and manager of Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers; Irving Potash, vice president and manager of Furriers Joint Council of New York; Julius Fleiss, business agent, Furriers Joint Council.

Philip M. Connelly, secretary, Los Angeles CIO Council; Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; James Lustig, representative, District 4; James Matles, National Organizational Director; William Sentner, president, District 8; Abram Flaxer, president, United Public Workers; Donald Henderson, president, Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union, and Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Bridges, Connelly, and others mentioned by the committee have been repeatedly attacked by the California edition of the national CIO News, which reflects the policies of CIO President Philip Murray and Regional Director Tim Flynn.

## Winter Term Opens At the Tech Adult School January 3

School Board Release

The Winter Term at the Technical Adult School, 42nd Street and Broadway in Oakland, will open on January 3, 1949, with over 80 courses to be offered. Dr. F. M. Yockey, Principal, announces a wide variety of subjects to include commercial, general interest, industrial, and trade extension. Among these will be several new courses and a re-evaluation of older courses to fit changing needs. Along with the various curriculum offerings will go a renewed desire to assist the student to adjust a program to his individual needs.

Among the new courses will be Beekeeping. This class will be conducted by Mr. Lee Watkins and will be for the purpose of acquainting the student with the problems of raising bees for profit and for fun. Mr. Leonard Murphy will give a course in Folk Dancing; it will include the folk dances of America as well as foreign countries. Mr. Clarence Vernon will offer a new course in Precision Instruments, a class designed to increase an understanding of the various phases of precision instrument repair and maintenance work.

As usual, high school credit will be granted on request, and adequate counseling service is available at all times. The student is encouraged to discuss educational problems with the counseling staff.

Additional information about the great variety of course offerings can be obtained by calling at the school office or by phoning OLympic 3-0842.

Dr. Yockey calls attention to the new year as a time of new planning, and further states, "Adult Education is the hope of the present."

"DO NOT LOSE HOPE, YOUNG HERO — WE IN CONGRESS SHALL YET TAKE YOU OUT OF SUCH WRETCHED SHELTERS AND INTO DECENT, LOW RENT HOUSING!"




## Commonwealthers Vote for T-H Law

The Commonwealth Club's industrial relations section has voted 81 to 25 in favor of retaining the Taft-Hartley Law as it stands, on the ground that it definitely serves the public interest.

The members of the section in voting on various questions showed that they did not think the T-H Law's restrictions were too severe on management, labor, union officers, or nonunion labor. Nor did they think the law allowed too much authority to any of its parties including the Government.

The section's vote went down the line in favor of the reorganization of the Labor Relations Board, the creation of the General Counsel's office, and the defining of his powers, and the removal of the Conciliation Service from the Department of Labor.

**(Editor's Note: Some of our readers may remember that we have previously suggested that the Commonwealth Club should change its name to the Corporate Wealth Club. This aggregation always makes a big to-do about going into every subject thoroughly, and listening to all sides, but when it comes to the voting, the huge number of corporation men on the membership list of the club turn out to vote against labor and liberalism. The Commonwealth Club, or Corporate Wealth Club, is beginning to be a mere "front" for anti-laborism. Let's see how the total membership of the club votes on the industrial relations section's recommendations.)**

## GOP Asked to Get Howser Out Soon

Demand for the immediate removal from office of Attorney General Howser was served on the Republican Party of California by two attorneys, James F. Brennan, Republican, and Morris M. Grupp, Democrat.

**They ask, in the demand served this week on GOP State headquarters, that the party repudiate Howser and oust him from office by impeachment or recall. They say his office has been conducted in an "inept, incompetent, and corrupt manner."**

## Googe's Successor

ATLANTA (LPA)—J. L. Rhodes replaced George Googe as director of the AFL's southern organizing drive. For two-and-a-half years he has been Googe's assistant.

Googe, who has won the affection of all AFL workers in the south during the years he has directed the drive, was recently elected an international vice-president of his own union—the International Printing Pressmen's Union. Rhodes is a member of Local 627, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Jacksonville, Fla.

## Governor for More Disability Help

Governor Warren has announced that he will not only seek approval by the 1949 Legislature of a compulsory health insurance system, but will ask liberalization of the present State sickness disability benefits act.

"Since the workers contribute the entire disability fund," the Governor told a press conference, "they are entitled to receive all the benefits that the fund can pay and still remain solvent."

The worker contributes one percent of his pay up to $3000 annually. There is an $85,000,000 surplus in the disability fund at present. Workers are now entitled to a maximum benefit of $25 weekly for 26 weeks.

In addition to the $85,000,000 surplus in the State disability fund, there is on deposit in the Federal Treasury about $105,000,000 which can be drawn on to augment it. This sum was paid in by the workers before the State disability act was passed.

The Governor says that he believes the one percent contribution paid by the workers should remain as it is, and that benefits should be extended to draw on the surplus. For example, he says study is being made of extending the benefits to pregnancy cases.

## Bridges Defended On His War Record

The People's World reports that to un-American Activities Committee charges that the CIO longshoremen have the power in wartime to "wreck the whole U. S. fighting power," Morris Watson, speaking on behalf of the union, said:

"The record of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen in the war is well known. That record is perfect, from Pearl Harbor Day to V-J Day."

**(Editor's Note: Let's do an Al Smith and really look at the record. The war started in Europe September 1, 1939, Hitler having previously made a deal with Harry Bridges' friend Stalin. So from that date on until June 22, 1941, Bridges and his cohorts were denouncing the war as capitalistic, fascistic, and all the rest of those pet words of theirs, and hammering Franklin D. Roosevelt for feeling that the fate of democracy was at stake. But on June 22, 1941, Hitler turned on his pal Stalin, and from then on, long before Pearl Harbor Day, which was December 7, 1941, Bridges and his gang said the war was a crusade for democracy. Why? Because Stalin was in it. So while Morris Watson is correct in saying the ILWU was for the war from Pearl Harbor Day on to the end, he's leaving out all the essentials.)**






### 53 Weeks for Journal This Year of 1948

Although there are 52 weeks in a year, The Labor Journal this year of 1948 prints its 53d issue today, the last day of the Old Year. That's just because there are 53 Fridays this year.

This doesn't mean a thing, but it gives The Journal a chance to talk as if it had been working extra hard for you this year, and to wish all of its readers a very happy New Year!

## Efforts to Avert Cab Strike in S. F.

As The Labor Journal went to press, the question of whether or not the AFL Chauffeurs in San Francisco would go on strike at midnight tonight (Friday) against taxi companies was still undecided. The contract expires at that time, and the union and employers have been negotiating to settle the dispute before the New Year's Eve rush began.

Anthony Costa, secretary-treasurer of the local, contended that the employers were trying to "incite a strike."

Charles Bagby, spokesman for the employers, said that "we have offered the drivers everything we can, and can't offer anything more."

The union has demanded a daily wage guarantee of $10.25, or 50 percent of the receipts. Some 675 cabs and 2000 drivers are involved.

## Machinists 284 to Have a Blood Bank

Machinists' Lodge 284 has voted to set up a blood bank for the benefit of members, families, and dependents.

The committee in charge of setting it up consists of President Walter S. Banks, Financial Secretary Joseph M. Callahan, and Trustees Charles F. Nelson.

## Bell Settlement

ST. YOUIS (LPA)—Basic wage increases ranging from $3 to $6 a week, plus fringe issue items valued at $750,000 a year, ended any threat of a pre-Christmas strike of 50,000 Southern Bell telephone workers represented by the Communications Workers of America, Division 20.

**ASK FOR THE UNION LABEL!**

## Poor Key System Service Cause Of Bridge Congestion, Charged

The Bay Area Transportation League has filed suit in the S. F. Superior Court asking the California Toll Bridge Authority to take over the Key System as the first step toward improving the flow of traffic across the Oakland-S. F. Bay Bridge.

The league lists its president as E. P. Cadenasso; vice-president, I. J. Brain; and secretary-treasurer, Robert B. River.

River said he had written an open letter last August to Charles H. Purcell, secretary of the Toll Bridge Authority. In it, he had called upon the authority to "live up to its moral obligation to see that good mass transportation is provided" and the "legal obligation to protect and utilize the State's tremendous investment in electric railroad facilities" connected with the bridge.

On last September 3, according to River, Purcell acknowledged receipt of the letter without further comment. Nothing further has been received, River said.

**TWO COMPLAINTS**

The league's complaint, therefore, was incorporated into two petitions for writs of mandate filed in Superior Court here on Wednesday.

The purpose of one was to force the Toll Bridge Authority to acquire the Key System and improve electric train facilities so commuters would have an incentive for using the service instead of driving their own automobiles across the span. The suit asserted that Key trains are steadily losing passengers and motor vehicle users are steadily adding to the congestion of the upper deck.

The second writ would be to force River explained:

"The tremendous increase in auto traffic on the Bay bridge has been chiefly caused by a shift from use of the poor mass transportation operated over the bridge railway.

"This conclusion is supported by the State's report, where it is shown that, although the total number of persons crossing the bridge in 1947 was little more than was predicted by the bridge's designers in 1935, yet the number of automobiles crossing in 1947 was 270 per cent over the 1935 estimate for 1947, and the bridge railway passengers numbered 50 per cent less than the 1935 estimate for 1947.

**"A majority of the persons daily driving across the bridge do so only because the mass transportation available is intolerably inconvenient, slow, uncomfortable and high priced," River said.**

improvements in the handling of vehicle traffic on the span and its approaches.

## Honest World Union Federation is Seen

NEW YORK (LPA)—David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union-AFL, predicts that a "new and genuine international federation of free trade unions is in the making."

The ILGWU leader declares in an article in Foreign Affairs that when the British Trade Union Congress and the CIO decide to pull out of the World Federation of Trade Unions, which includes Russian-dominated groups, the AFL will join them in helping create a new democratic world organization of labor.

## Carpenter Glad He Is in Permanente

The Eleven-Fortyniner

At least one member of Carpenters' Local 1149 is glad he joined the Permanente Plan.

Only two weeks after paying his filing fee and first month's dues, Bill Lovejoy's daughter, Shirley became ill. Bill took her to Permanente, and she was immediately hospitalized. It was necessary that she remain in the hospital for fifteen days for treatment and at the end of this time was discharged.

Had she not been covered under the Permanente Plan, Bill would have had to dig up $516.90, which is the regular price for private patients not members of the Plan. Instead of this, he was only required to pay $59.75, which was half of the laboratory costs. Lovejoy stated that he felt guilty in only paying this small amount and would have been happy to pay more. However, they would only accept their regular fee.

**IN A LETTER** to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, CIO President Philip Murray praised the efforts of the U. S. government to end the warfare in Indonesia.—(LPA)


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# Anti-Labor Interests Prepare For Battle in '49 Legislature

State Federation News Service

The coming legislative session will not be free of fireworks. Judging from all preliminary signs, it is evident that the Unemployment Insurance Act, including the disability insurance provisions, as well as other measures which are of vital concern to the workers, will come in for attack, and a more organized one than ever before, when the state legislature convenes in a few weeks.

The Senate Committee on Employment Stabilization, headed by Senator Fred Kraft, claims to have received testimony alleging that approximately 32 million dollars was paid out by the Unemployment Insurance Division last year in fraudulent claims.

**CHARGES NOT NEW**

These charges are not new and have been made many times in the past. In spite of the fact that the Kraft Committee has had the services of a Los Angeles consulting engineer, Robert Loomis, and another gentleman by the name of William Keyes, the data which they profess to have will have to stand up much better than similar data has stood up in the past, although the same exaggerated claims are being made for its validity.

It has been reported that the California Retailers' Association will sponsor tightening amendments to the Employment Stabilization Law at the forthcoming session.

It will not be any surprise that a new "hot cargo" bill will be submitted, in an attempt to make it conform with the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision which outlawed the previous "hot cargo"-secondary boycott law.

**CORPORATE FARM DRIVE**

Corporate farm interests are also very much concerned in legalizing California's weakened Agricultural Advisory Council and thereby obtaining rigid control over farm placement by state law.

It has been reported that Senator Hatfield plans to introduce a bill early in January to establish a 12-man advisory board empowered to set policy for the State Department of Employment with regard to farm labor.

The Federation has opposed this from the beginning and was successful in preventing this council from manipulating the control of farm labor and the importing of surplus foreign labor. The original council had no foundation in law, but the proposed measure would give legal status to the Argricultural Advisory Council.

**LABOR PROPOSES BILLS**

Prepared to meet these attacks, the Federation is also ready to submit to the forthcoming legislature a number of bills covering such subjects as unemployment and disability insurance and workmen's compensation — proposing to increase benefits and liberalize the laws in many ways.

In addition, bills will be submitted dealing with rent control, a 48-hour week for firemen and pensions for their widows, requiring employment agencies to specify the existence of labor contracts, changing the present financial responsibility act which is victimizing drivers, repealing the license renewal law, improving the apprenticeship law, providing more state aid to public schools for adequate personnel and facilities, and more state money for community hospitals, making it a crime to employ, harbor or conceal workers who have entered the country illegally, improving teachers' retirement laws, providing for a prepaid medical health plan, for meat inspection law enforcement, for a state code for the heating and piping industry, increasing aid to blind, opposing cross-filing, and other measures of social interest.

**HAGGERTY PREPARED**

C. J. Haggerty, legislative representative, will open the offices of the Federation in Sacramento beginning in January, as has been the case in the past, and will be prepared, with the assistance of his staff, to fight for the Federation's program and to oppose any and all anti-labor measures which may be thrown into the hopper.

An analysis of the various bills of concern to labor will be made and sent to the various affiliated unions for their information.

# Don't Worry About Profits, Is Advice Of Profit-Makers

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Just let things drift, was the best advice that industrialists offered to a congressional committee investigating current high profits and the calamity they might cause our economy.

Two famous business leaders, Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Co. and Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel Corporation, made nervous witnesses before the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, snapping defensively at Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) who, Wilson claimed, is "trying to ruin the profit system."

**You're one of the great leaders of industry" O'Mahoney told the G.E. head. "You mentioned boom and bust. Have you any advice for this committee about how to avoid boom and bust?"**

**"LEAVE US ALONE!"**

"Don't throw a monkey wrench in the present good situation," was the reply. "Don't upset the apple cart."

The Wyoming Senator reminded Wilson that the "applecart" was upset in 1929 when industry controlled the government and there was no New Deal to blame. "Your advice to government is to keep hands off and let things drift?" he asked.

"Yes," Wilson sputtered. "Keep hands off some things—profits for one."

Fairless, head of the giant United States Steel offered only minor variations on the same theme. Asked what the government should do about the steel shortage he arrogantly declared, "I stand on my own testimony," (which hadn't given any recommendations). "Keep in touch with us," he added, "You don't need a hearing to talk to me about steel production." This 'come up and see me sometime' invitation contained no suggestion about increasing steel output. "What can you do?", Fairless sneered. "Build a plant that will come into production three years from now?"

**SENATOR'S REPLY**

"We can allocate materials," Senator O'Mahoney pointed out. "A public authority wouldn't allocate on a profit basis."

There were more stage props in the show put on before the committee by M. E. Coyle, vice-president of General Motors, the day previously. In addition to a long testimony complete with pictures, Coyle brought two automobiles along for the Senators to look ot.

The cars, a 1929 Buick and a 1948 Chevrolet, were to prove that a car is a better buy today than it was in 1929. Coyle compared the Chevrolet to round steak which has also gone up in price.

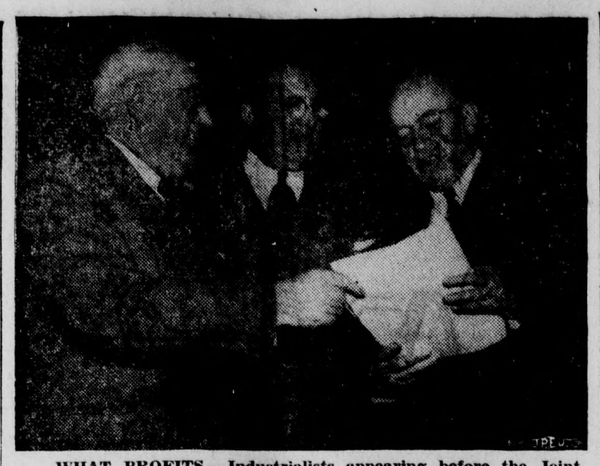
Donald Montgomery, Washington Representative for United Auto Workers-CIO pointed out that the round steak went up because of the shortage of corn in the summer of 1947. He asserted, however, that there was no shortage of corn in the General Motors testimony.

**TAX BILL WRONG**

Montgomery reappeared as a witness at the end of the hearings, at the request of the committee chairman, Senator Ralph Flanders (R., Vt.). The CIO, he said, would recommend that Congress do away with the tax cuts it introduced last year.

**Republican Senator Flanders confessed that last year's tax bill had been a mistake. "It was one of the few times, he said, "that I voted for a bill for the sake of party regularity. I regretted it when I was doing it and I have regretted it since!"**

Senator O'Mahoney summed up the attitude of industry representatives at the hearings when he said that the corporations "want to charge prices in inflated dollars but compute profits at non-inflated dollars." The dollars the corporations want to measure profits in, he declared, "are purely fictional."



**WHAT PROFITS — Industrialists appearing before the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report told Congressmen that the big profits their companies are making will not last forever, so they should be allowed to grab all they can right now. Government, they insisted, should not concern itself with the economic welfare of the country. (l. to r.) M. E. Coyle, vice-president of General Motors, Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, and Senator Ralph Flanders (R., Vt.), chairman of the committee.—LPA**

## Union Men Figure Provisions of New Rent Law Uncertain

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Union officials here look with considerable skepticism at the proposals of Housing Expediter Tighe Woods, for "strengthening" the present rent control law. Woods, in widely publicized statements, has outlined how he would like to see the law drafted to replace the present one expiring March 31, 1949.

Both the CIO and the International Association of Machinists have in the past demanded Woods' removal for actions favoring landlords and the real estate lobby. AFL officials have also had run-ins with Woods. Their charges were strengthened last week when Woods made an unscheduled appearance on the speakers' platform at a dinner in connection with the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. He made a friendly speech, in which he explained he had just stopped in to visit as a rank-and-file member of the NAREB.

Woods' "strengthening" proposals, as he has announced them to the press, will go to President Truman. While on the surface they contain several points that the unions fought to have included in the 1948 rent control bill, they leave the same power in the hands of local advisory boards as at present, and they would allow further "voluntary" 15% rent boosts to landlords in exchange for leases running through 1950.

So far, under the 1947 and 1948 versions of rent control, 2,000,000 tenants have had their rents automatically boosted 15% in exchange for leases. The number this year has been very small, probably because landlords were counting on a Republican-controlled Congress which would scrap all rent curbs when the present law expires. At present, there are 13,700,000 rental units under control, and a good many of these—no one is sure how many—might be subject to the 15% increase.

Two of the Housing Expediter's proposals will certainly be included in labor proposals for a new law. They would allow the federal government to sue landlords for triple damages where extra charges have been paid by a tenant over the legal ceiling rent. At present, only tenants can sue, and in many cases they're unwilling because they'll be subject to all sorts of retaliations by the landlord even if they win the triple damages.

The Housing Expediter is also proposing that controls over evictions be restored—something for which labor spokesmen fought hard when the late and unlamented 80th Congress shot holes in the law.

## GOP Preparing to Go to Bat for T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Disclosure of much of the contents of the final report of the 80th Congress' Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee precipitated more speculation in and out of Congress about new labor legislation to replace the Taft-Hartley law.

No one was surprised when Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) proclaimed that he has no intention of giving up the chairmanship of the Republican steering committee, and that he planned to put up a vigorous fight in behalf of Taft-Hartley. Republican senatorial "liberals" are reported ready to accept Taft's decision if Sen. Kenneth Wherry, an even deeper-dyed reactionary, will step aside as floor leader.

All of the names suggested as Wherry replacements, however, are of men who voted for the Taft-Hartley law. Only one Republican senator who voted for the infamous measure has thus far repudiated his stand—Irving Ives of N. Y.

**McGRATH'S COMMENT**

Several others, like George Aiken (Vt.) and Charles Tobey (N. H.) are believed ready to follow Ive's lead in voting for Taft-Hartley repeal if some amendments are incorporated into the reenactment of the Wagner labor relations law.

Replying to Labor-Management Committee Chairman Joseph Ball (R., Minn.), Democratic National Committee Senator J. Howard McGrath (D., R. I.) said:

**"The Republican party never forgets, forgives or changes.**

"These influential gentlemen fail to understand what happened in this country last November 2. They fail to realize that the nation gave the Democratic party a mandate for the change of the Taft-Hartley act and the substitution of legislation that will preserve industrial peace by being fair to both labor and management."

**"RIGHT TO WORK"**

McGrath attacked the GOP leadership for taking the position that it will set the course of labor legislation "when as a matter of fact they were defeated on the record they made on this very subject. The Republican leadership will consist largely of the same reactionary faces as it did in the 80th Congress," he declared.

Undaunted by the elections indeed were Reps. Carroll Kearns (R., Pa.) and O. C. Fischer (D., Tex.) who announced that they will introduce "right to work" bills when the new Congress convenes.

Much comment was heard too about the GOP resolve to include in any new industrial relations bill a section providing for non-Communist affidavits from both union and employer contract negotiators. Although the Republicans now concede that employer as well as worker representatives must be covered by any oath proviso, most pro-union legislators realize that its application to employers would be either meaningless or positively harmful to labor.

No comparable incentive to "qualify" for participation in NLRE actions exists for employers as there is for unions, they point out. "Is the Republican plan designed to free Communist managers from the obligation to bargain with unions, while requiring Republicans and Democrats to do so," they're asking.

## Musicians Supply Christmas Music

NEW YORK (LPA)—A wide variety of Christmas music was furnished free by local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians-AFL to the sick and aged of New York City.

Of the 29 concerts planned by the union most were presented in hospitals and homes for the aged. But one was given at the Hart's Island penitentiary.

The concerts were paid for out of the AFM's welfare fund, financed by recording companies under the terms of the new contract recently negotiated by President James C. Petrillo, and approved by U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark. For nearly a year the AFM's welfare activities, beneficial both to underemployed musicians and the public had been suspended because of the Taft-Hartley law's interference with union welfare funds.

The performances ranged from a concert by a 50-piece band at Halloran Veterans' Hospital to serenades by strolling musicians in the wards of Brooklyn State Hospital.

Similar public service concerts were given by AFM musicians throughout the country.

The final chapter in ending the Taft-Hartley precipitated record ban was written when President Petrillo signed a new contract with electric transcription companies. It is similar to that already concluded with the record makers, committing the transcribers to contribute to the union welfare fund which finances the AFM's public service work.

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## Ball's Committee For Tighter T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Ignoring the November election results, the Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee of the repudiated 80th Congress prepared its final report. As was expected the anti-labor committee approved a set of amendments to the Taft-Hartley law designed to make it even more harmful to organized labor.

So biased was the Committee's report draft that Sen. Irving Ives (R., N. Y.), who voted for Taft-Hartley, refused to sign the document. Lashing out at his Republican colleagues who approved the report, Ives said:

"I feel very strongly that for any political party to come out with a labor-management program that is purely a party program is a mistake. I'm not going along with the report, partly because it is a partisan report, and partly because I don't agree with some of the things in it."

Only one of the eight House and Senate members to participate in the Committee's final sessions was a Democrat—an anti-union southerner, Rep. G. A. Barden (N. C.). He strung along with Republicans like Sen. Robert A. Taft (Ohio), Rep. Fred Hartley (R., N. J.) and Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) in endorsing the Committee staff's proposals.

## Green to Murray

WASHINGTON (LPA) — AFL President William Green sent a brief reply to CIO President Philip Murray's suggestion for joint AFL-CIO legislative action in the new Congress.

The AFL chieftain promised Murray that he'd submit the CIO proposal to the AFL executive council meeting later in January, but he reminded the CIO leader of the AFL's reply to a similar Murray offer last year.

At that time the AFL replied that the main problem remains that of achieving organic unity of the American labor movement, including unification of the AFL and CIO. This is "the best method of bringing the entire forces of labor to bear in the fight" Green declared.

# AFL Union Praises Big Tobacco Firm For Good Relation

AFL Tobacco Workers

A significant expression of harmonious year-end labor-management relations was revealed in New York with the release of a joint letter addressed to Philip Morris & Co. Ltd., Inc. from F. S. White, Sr., president, and William Banks, Jr., financial secretary, of Local No. 209 of the Tobacco Workers International Union, and American Federation of Labor affiliate, together with the reply made by Alfred E. Lyon, president of the tobacco company.

"The members of Local No. 209, of the Philip Morris Company," the labor heads wrote, "wishes to convey to the officials of our Company our appreciation for the fine spirit which seems to be increasing in good relationship and understanding between the Company and the Union."

**HAILED AS "A SYMBOL"**

**Further observation is made by the Union officials that they feel "that in a world such as ours today such relationship should not pass unnoticed, but should be used as a symbol as to what can be accomplished when each party tries to understand and respect the rights of others."**

A. E. Lyon, president of Philip Morris Company, in responding, expressed his "deep sense of pride" at the thoughts which prompted the letter on the part of the employe organization, adding, "A business can only succeed when its management is fair to employes, stockholders and consumers."

**SUCCESS IS CITED**

Continuing, the tobacco executive stated that the "friendly and cooperative spirit which has prevailed and which is exemplified by the Company's association with the members of Local 209 is largely responsible for the success which has been ours."

In concluding, Mr. Lyon expressed the sentiment that, "we can face the future together, confident in the knowledge that any problems which beset us in the process of living and growing in a complex world will find an advantageous solution through continued cooperation and mutual understanding.

## Reuther's Report

DETROIT (LPA)—All we won on election day was an opportunity, President Walter Reuther told the members of United Auto Workers-CIO in his year-end report.

After reviewing the tough fight in the Taft-Hartley year that has just ended, Reuther outlined the UAW program for 1949. "Today we must face the bright prospects before us," he declared, "with just as much determination and just as much hard work as when we took up the challenge thrown in our faces by the forces of reaction a year ago."

# State Fed Urges Attention to Pensions and Group Insurance

State Federation News Service

Recent decisions of the National Labor Relations Board have stimulated the bringing of the whole problem of group insurance and pension systems into the realm of collective bargaining.

The issue now is what type of plan will the employer establish. It has been recognized by some employers that pension programs will maintain high employe morale and help to attract and hold desirable workers. The unions are adding such programs to their collective bargaining aims, and it is a matter of only a short time before they will become a permanent feature in most union contracts.

**PENSION PLANS INCREASE**

According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics' survey, workers covered by some type of pension plans negotiated by employer and union have more than doubled in number since 1945. In 1945, some 610,000 workers were included. Early in 1947, approximately 1,250,000 workers were covered by such plans.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics listed in this connection clothing-textiles, building trades, furs and leather establishments, furniture manufacturers, hotels, laundries, office workers, paper mills, retail and wholesale establishments, shipbuilding, and street and electric railways. The survey also found that most plans were entirely financed through contract provisions for the employer's payment.

**"MUST BARGAIN"**

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that employers must bargain collectively with a union, on request, over group insurance. The decision occurred in the Inland Steel, General Motors and W. W. Cross cases.

It is certain that when control of inflation is established, the emphasis will shift from wage increase demands to fringe issues, among which pension programs will be the most prominent. This trend is strongly in evidence now and will become more so in the future.

**GROUP INSURANCE**

In California, Section 10202.7 of the California Insurance Code now authorized group insurance for employes of members of Trade Associations. Prior to this amendment, insurance companies limited such contracts to employers with a minimum of 50 employes.

Once the unions become aware of this amendment it can be anticipated that they will take advantage of it to negotiate such features into their collective bargaining contracts.

The east has acted more rapidly in respect to this need, and many workers in hotels, building trades, furniture, jewelry, fur, leather, electrical, dyers, etc., have included insurance protection in their contracts.

**It is suggested that the unions give this matter greater attention. Considerable information can be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding data on this whole subject.**

## Union Lobbyist

WASHINGTON (LPA) — CIO President Philip Murray announced the appointment of William Lavelle, secretary-treasurer of Ohio State Industrial Union Council, as an assistant in the CIO legislative department.

The new post was created to help the CIO legislative staff with the huge task it has ahead of it in the 81st Congress. "The results of the 1948 elections clearly establish that the American people stand solidly behind the principles of the New Deal and want these principles translated into constructive action," said the CIO's convention resolutions on legislation.

## Metals Remember How They've Been Worked, Says Savant

State University Release

The discovery that metals have a "memory" and that their mechanical properties differ according to their past history has opened new possibilities in the field of metallurgy.

This was discovered recently as a result of research work at the University of California directed by J. E. Dorn, professor of physical metallurgy, and sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

Results of the investigation into the plastic properties of metals are expected to have practical applications in metallurgy. Tension tests made with aluminum, brass, copper, and stainless steel indicate that the metals have a "memory" and that the mechanical behavior of each one is affected by its unique past history. For example, if two identical metals have been conditioned under the same strain rate, but at different temperatures, they will be structurally different and perform differently thereafter.

This conflicts with a concept which has been a guiding principle throughout the development of mechanical metallurgy, the assumption that the mechanical properties metals exhibit under strain depend on a fixed relationship between stress, strain rate and temperature. The tests indicated that this assumption was invalid and would have to be abandoned.

Knowledge of factors effecting structural changes in metals are of importance, Professor Dorn said, because at present there are not enough data to permit scientific design of their composition or predict their behavior.


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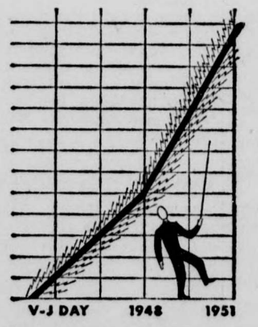

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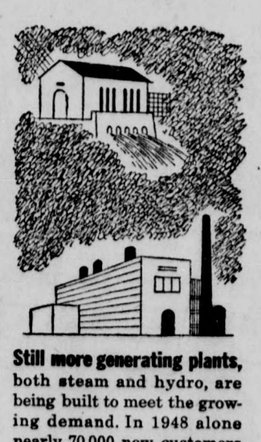

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# Canadian Unionist Group Fights Reds

Labor: Railmen's Weekly

OTTAWA, Can.—Frank H. Hall, Canadian vice president of the Brotherhoods of Railway Clerks, has no intention of abandoning his battle to drive the "Reds" out of the labor movement.

He announced that spokesmen for 32 unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada had formed an association to cooperate on the matter.

Hall emphasized that this is not a dual movement.

"It is nothing disruptive; merely a coming together of trade unionists for a specific purpose and that is to deprive the Communists of any foothold in the labor movement," he said.

Hall and his friends suffered a partial defeat in the Trades and Labor Congress convention several weeks ago. Some of them attended the recent A. F. of L. convention in Cincinnati. It was announced that A. F. of L. leaders wanted to hear both sides of the story, but had no thought of attempting to coerce the T. L. C.

## Flanders Approves Price-Profits Meet

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A national conference of labor, management, farmer and government representatives to discuss the problem of current high prices and profits, received the blessing of Senators Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.) and Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo), leaders in the Joint Congressional Economic Committee.

After hearing labor and industry representatives testify during a two-week hearing on current high profits, Committee Chairman Flanders said that he will ask the Senate to call such a conference unless President Truman calls one first. The original suggestion for the meeting came from AFL spokesmen.

Tuberculosis takes the lives of more people between 15 and 44 years of age than any other disease.

# ADA Urges Ousting Of the Dixiecrats

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Dixiecrats don't belong in the Democratic caucuses in Congress, a meeting of the executive Board of Americans for Democratic Action declared.

Removal of the southern renegades from the House and Senate caucuses would automatically oust them from key committee posts, the ADA board members explained, adding that "this same discipline should be imposed on Wallace Progressives in either House."

If the Democratic leadership permits Dixiecrats who campaigned openly or covertly against President Truman to keep positions of power and prestige in the new Congress," said an ADA statement, "such action would, in effect, constitute a repudiation of the people's election mandate and a sharp blow to southerners who loyally supported the Democratic ticket."

Pledging themselves to fight for the excellent principles on which President Truman waged his campaign, the board pointed out that if, "through timidity or indifference, the liberal Democratic forces fail to move swiftly and boldly to reform Congressional procedures and insure the appointment of genuine progressives to key legislative posts, there is danger that the President's proposals may be doomed even before the Chief Executive takes his new oath of office."

National ADA chairman Leon Henderson tendered his resignation at the meeting, explaining that he will be out of the country a good deal during the coming months and will not be able to continue in the job.

Labor representatives on the ADA board include Emil Rieve, Hugo Ernst, David Dubinsky and Walter Reuther.

## Union Break

NEW YORK (LPA) — The National Maritime Union-CIO and the Transport Workers' Union-CIO revealed that they will not renew contracts with the "left-wing" United Office and Professional Workers-CIO for their office staffs.

# Arbitration Helps Industry Peace if Voluntary: Carmen

AFL Carmen's Union

PHILADELPHIA — America's transit workers enjoy high wages and superlative working conditions while the industry operates under harmonious labor relations as the result of voluntary arbitration of contract terms.

O. David Zimring, head of the Labor Bureau of Middle West and attorney for many American Federation of Labor unions, told a conference of the nation's leading economists, industrialists, government officials and arbitrators at the University of Pennsylvania, how management and labor's far-sighted and civic-conscious policy has maintained service to the people for over fifty years and brought the 140,000 members of the Amalgamated Street, Electric Railway and Motorcoach Employes ever-increasing rates, the eight-hour day, the five day week, paid vacations, pensions and health and life insurance protection.

**EMPLOYERS REFUSED**

"In the last two years" Zimring pointed out to his audience which included Cyrus Ching, Director of the Federal Bureau of Mediation, Dr. George W. Taylor, former Chairman of the National War Labor Board and Harvard's anti-labor economist, Dr. Sumner H. Schlicter, "the three strikes in the industry that gained public notice—Los Angeles in 1946, St. Louis in 1947 and Worcester, Massachusetts in 1948—were the result of employer refusal to agree on arbitration of the disputes.

Mr. Zimring attacked attempts to substitute, by legislation, compulsory arbitration for voluntary action, declaring the Amalgamated Association and other unions would continue current campaigns for the repeal of such statutes in New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri.

"It is not clear," he declared, "how employers figured that transference of this essential part of the collective bargaining process to the political arena would benefit them in the long run."

**URGES COOPERATION**

In attacking a second attempt by "a minority of the industry's employers" to destroy the long-maintained industrial peace of the industry to limit and restrict the scope of voluntary arbitration, the labor attorney predicted failure of such attempts and urged "the more responsible elements in management to make joint plans with the union for facilitating and extending the acceptance and use of voluntary arbitration."

Through the accident of programming, Zimring was followed by Hawley S. Simpson, Philadelphia attorney and counsel for several transit companies, who condemned voluntary arbitration as "an impediment to the peaceful negotiation of contract terms in the transit industry."



MAP EDUCATION PROGRAM—Union officials review plans for a workers' education program set up by the Labor Education Association of Philadelphia. Looking at outline in hands of William M. Leader (seated) of American Federation of Hosiery Workers are (l. to r.): Cecil Bragg, Philadelphia Industrial Union Council-CIO; Joseph P. Kline, Hosiery Workers; Alexander McKeown, LEA; Albert Sabin, Central Labor Union of Philadelphia; John Backims, International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL.—(LPA)

# Maritime Labor Relations

## Senate Committee Staff Report Says Collective Bargaining Has "Failed Miserably" on Waterfront And Blames Both Harry Bridges and the Employers

A 66-page review of 14 years of industrial relations in the Pacific Coast maritime industry has been put out by John F. Preston, Jr., and Ralph R. Pickering, staff member of the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations, headed by Senator Ball, Republican, of Michigan.

This Joint Committee is the socalled "watchdog committee," set up after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Law to observe industrial relations, and to decide whether or not the law was working well.

The 66-page review, however, goes back to the days when the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union rose under the leadership of Harry Bridges.

Vance Johnson, Washington correspondent for the S. F. Chronicle, summarizes the review, and the following is based on his summary.

**"FAILED MISERABLY"**

Collective bargaining, the report declared, has failed miserably in the maritime industry—chiefly because of an "incompatibility" between unions and management on political issues.

**"The employers are quite convinced that union leadership, under Communist domination, is intent on the destruction of the industry," it said. "On the other hand, union leaders confidently assert that the employers will destroy the union at the first opportunity."**

It was critical of both employers and unions, but the strongest criticism was reserved for Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO).

The document said Bridges has often been charged with being a member of the Communist party, but "whether the charge be true or false is of little import here" because "he freely admits co-operating with the Communist whenever it suited his purpose"—and no instance has been found where his purpose deviated from the Communist line.

Plainly, the two committee experts see Bridges and other union officials closely allied with him as the greatest obstacles to peaceful settlement of maritime labor questions.

**BRIDGES' PHILOSOPHY**

"In May of this year," the report stated, "Mr. Bridges defined his concept of good faith collective bargaining to the authors of this paper. He stated that if, when the union makes a demand, the employers give a flat 'yes' or 'no' answer, good faith bargaining has occurred. A clear statement of the employers' position so that the union will know where it stands is all that is required. But if the employers make a counter-proposal or suggest a compromise, that is evidence that they are bargaining in bad faith."

The ILWU leader then went on, the report related, to state this general philosophy:

"Bridges explained that this concept necessarily follows from the fact that the interests of the workers and those of the employers were always adverse, and antagonistic; that there was therefore no common meeting ground, no basis for any permanent mutually satisfactory agreement; hence any attempt to compromise and find such a non-existent mutuality of interest necessarily implies dishonesty and bad faith."

**The best that could be hoped for under Bridges' definition, the report added, "would be a common understanding of the economic power of each party at any given time, recognized in the form of a truce or temporary agreement, binding only until one side or the other believes that the balance of power has shifted."**

**LUNDEBERG'S POSITION**

This, the report brands as "a complete denial of everything collective bargaining stands for and a challenge to the legitimate trade union movement."

It points out that not all maritime union officials—notably Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL)—share the Bridges point of view. Nevertheless, it says, "The possibility of achieving a stable and effective relationship with these unions is limited by the policies and practices of the other unions who subscribe to the theory of the class struggle."

Because of the Bridges point of view, it says, "the basis for cooperative relations simply does not exist."

However, it says that "little effort has been made—until recently—to achieve stable employment relationships.

**"Personnel policies and attitudes of the employers were delinquent until unions forced a change," it said. "These conditions, together with bitter employer resistance to self-organization of the workers, forced a militant, aggressive, left-wing type of leadership to power in the unions."**

Management "generally has been slow to recognize the importance of good labor relations and to adopt policies and practices designed to achieve them." Management has been guilty, as well as unions, of subverting provisions of the contracts and of disregarding arbitration machinery.

**MANAGEMENT BLAMED**

"One well-known authority in the industry said that both parties have sought to get around the arbitrator's awards," it said, "but the only distinction between them was that the employers are most subtle in the methods they employ.

While making an issue of the union membership of stewards and other supervisory employers, the report said, management has failed to give these men "the authority and dignity of management" and thus drove them into the unions.

The authors expressed the opinion that individual companies in the industry could accomplish much by more attention to grievances at the "lower levels" and by giving more attention to communication with employers.

They found, however, that industry-wide bargaining is probably essential to the maritime industry and that if it had not existed labor strife probably would have been greater.

Of the future, they concluded: "Industrial peace will come to the Western waterfront only when mature responsible leadership genuinely concerned with building a healthy industry, sits on both sides of the bargaining table."

## Paper Workers

WASHINGTON (LPA)—New victories have been rolled up in the South by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers-AFL. Gaining three new plants—two in Virginia and one in Georgia—the pulp workers have already completed negotiations at one of the Virginia plants and are urging them successfully in the other two.

## *State Fed In Greetings For The New Year*

State Federation News Service

The State Federation takes this opportunity to extend the season's greetings to all its members. For labor, the new year presents a brighter prospect in many ways than the start of 1948. There is much to be done during the coming year, but the confidence and courage we gained from our unrelenting fight for labor's rights and freedoms and from our victories in 1948 will urge us forward with zest.

A successful New Year to all!

# Political League Of AFL Goes Ahead

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The 30-man administrative committee of LLPE—the AFL's political arm—has confirmed the AFL convention decision to keep LLPE fully operating between elections. Director Joseph Keenan said that complete plans for 1949 LLPE operations will be made at the AFL executive council meeting in Miami next month.

One important administrative committee proposal is to amend LLPE by-laws to provide for direct union contributions to between-elections educational work. A separate committee would be set up to handle these funds, to make sure that LLPE doesn't violate the Taft-Hartley ban on political expenditures of union funds.

**It is the committee's hope that at least $650,000 will be raised from AFL unions for the political education committee within the next 14 months. Union contributions would be based on a 10c per member annual assessment. Registration drives can be financed from this fund, as can campaigns to arouse public interest in state and federal anti-labor law repeal.**

Looking forward to the 1950 elections, LLPE is also considering buying daily radio time and publishing a regular weekly political clipsheet. This activity, under the Taft-Hartley law, would have to be financed by voluntary membership contributions.

**Joseph Keenan, who was confirmed recently as LLUE director, said that between June and November 1948 $350,000 was contributed to LLPE by AFL members and friends for political action.**

# Labor-Hater Told No Soap by Murray

WASHINGTON (LPA) — CIO President Philip Murray tossed the illegal summons which Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) sent him right back into the labor hater's face. The United Steelworkers of America chief told Hoffman that he's no "subcommittee," and refused to appear before him.

Relying solely upon a letter from Rep. Fred Hartley (R., N. J.), chairman of the 80th Congress' refunct Labor Committee, Hoffman has constituted himself a one-man subcommittee to investigate strike violence at Kalamazoo, Mich. steel plants.

Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.), one of the people who advised Murray that he need not honor Hoffman's subpoena, declared that Hoffman "has no more authority than a rabbit to make his investigation." Slated to succeed Hartley as House Labor Committee chairman, Lesinski added that when the new Congress meets he'll conduct an impartial investigation of the Kalamazoo dispute.

# Production Cut to Hike Prices, Charge

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Sandwiched between union witnesses, who had facts and figures to prove that the textile industry is cutting production to keep prices up, industry spokesmen looked pretty silly with their feeble protests that they weren't doing any such thing.

At the Congressional hearings on business profits, one of the Senators confronted Donald Montgomery, witness for United Auto Workers-CIO, with figures presented earlier in the week by textile merchants refuting charges made earlier by CIO witness Stanley Ruttenberg.

Montgomery, who doesn't limit himself to automobiles, gave the Senator the following revealing figures: In the shoe industry, the production index has gone down from 142 in June 1946 to 116 in the first nine months of this year, while the price index went up from 130 to 190. In cotton goods, production went down from 164 in November 1946 to 140 in the first nine months of this year, while prices went up from 175 to 212. Woolen goods completed the picture with production going from 184 in September 1946 to 167 in the first nine months of this year (it's even lower now) and prices soaring from 114 to 146.

# 8,000,000 Married Women are Working

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Proponents of the theory that the woman's place is in the home had better look twice at a Census Bureau report.

This report, issued on a survey made of the proportion of married to single women holding jobs, reveals that nearly 3,000,000 more married women are in the labor force. Of the 8,000,000 working married women, 7,000,000 live with their husbands.

The high marriage rate in the post-war period is one of the reasons for this, the report explains—in 1948 there were nearly 6,000,000 more married couples than the number reported in 1940.

The only people who make no mistakes are dead people.—Rev. Henry Alford Porter.

# AFL Starts Essay College Contest

AFL Education Bureau

Matthew Woll, Chairman of the Workers Education Bureau of the American Federation of Labor announces the opening of an essay contest among undergraduate students in U. S. colleges on the subject of "Isms": "What Ism Do You Choose: Anarchism, Communism, Fascism, Socialism, Americanism?"

Six prizes—$350, $250, $200, $100 (two) $50—will be awarded to the winning papers at the 25th anniversary dinner of the New Leader at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on March 6. The Board of Judges consists of Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, President of Brooklyn College, Professor Allan Nevins of the American History Department of Columbia University and Professor Sidney Hook, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, New York University.

The essay contest, Mr. Woll stated, was inspired by the recently published autobiography TOMORROW IS BEAUTIFUL by Lucy Robins Lang (Macmillan), "but" he added emphatically, "This project is not a subterfuge to promote the sale of the book." The author has forfeited royalties to make the contest possible. "I feel," Mr. Woll said, "that the Ism contest represents an unusual opportunity to focus the student mind on the social and political problems which they must face and eventually cope with."

TOMORROW IS BEAUTIFUL is an intimate story of four racy decades Lucy Robins Lang spent fighting social injustice. She begins her story with her early days in Russia's Ukraine, her birthplace, traces it swiftly through her $1-a-week apprenticeship in a Chicago cigar factory at the age of ten, follows through her struggle to help free Eugene Debs, fight for Tom Mooney's release and with the support of A. F. of L.'s Samuel Gompers, goes on plunging from one cause to another. She skirts past Anarchism, past Communism, takes a bout with Fascism. She poses all the "Isms" of yesterday and today. But what of the Isms of tomorrow?

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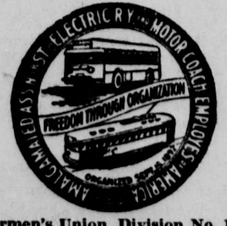

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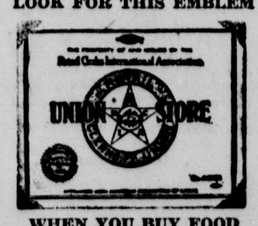
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## TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS ARISING IN LEGISLATURE AND CONGRESS

On this, the last day of the year 1948, we are approaching the verge of new sessions of the Legislature and of the Congress.

In both of these parliamentary bodies, quite apart from specific labor measures in which we of the trade unions are naturally very much interested, we as citizens face along with all other citizens many very serious problems.

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We labor people are now pretty heavily taxed ourselves, both for the support of State and Federal Governments, as well as county and municipal. Many of us note the Federal income bite out of our paychecks, and are not unaware of the gas tax, the sales tax, and many other snips and snaps at our pocketbook.

Yet we as labor people know that there are gaps of a very serious nature in social legislation, and that to fill those gaps will cost more money and involve heavier taxation.

In California, the voters by carrying Proposition No. 4, have put additional financial responsibilities upon us for the care of the aged and the blind.

Governor Warren has pointed out what an immense amount of costly building must be done to get our public institutions into anything like proper shape to meet the ever increasing load upon them caused by the huge rise in population.

Also with ever heavier traffic upon our highways, we must spend great quantities of money on them, and on expensive reroutings and rearrangements to make traffic safer.

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On the Federal side, the problems which our new Congress faces seem incalculably difficult. We have committed our national economy to the task of striving to save itself by upholding non-Communist economy throughout the world. And, as a committee of the Hoover Commission on the Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government has pointetd out, "there is a growing belief among responsible officials of Government that the Communist strategy in the struggle for the world is to force the United States into greater and greater expenditures," to achieve "victory by bankruptcy"—the victory going to Russia, of course, and the bankruptcy to us.

With Berlin hanging in the balance, China collapsing, and the Dutch banging around like mad bulls in a china shop in Indonesia, we cannot claim that our task of supporting the non-Communist part of the world economy is getting lighter. Meanwhile at home one cannot but note comments on the condition of our national economy such as that made recently at the national credit conference in Chicago of the American Bankers Association by Kenton R. Cravens, a St. Louis banker:

**"We may be at an economic crossroads. There is considerable evidence that supply has been catching up rapidly with demand in many directions. Soft spots are developing in various sections of the country and in many industries. It appears, for the moment at least, that the long upward and expanding movement of business and industry has been arrested. Whether the movement will turn depends on the policies of the Government in the near future and as their application unfolds in the months ahead."**

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Depends on the policies of the Government—exactly! And we as labor people in this democracy are part of the Government. We have a heavy responsibility to watch the doings of our Legislature and our Congress intelligently. We're certainly not going to assume that a speaker at an American Bankers Association meeting, or that Governor Warren, knows exactly what should be done in the grave and complex situation confronting us. But it would be equally foolish to assume that all our problems are going to be solved merely by repealing the Taft-Hartley Law and putting through a few other pieces of legislation long dear to our hearts.

We're in a tough spot as citizens of a country that has long lived relatively retired from the world, and that of late has been suddenly asked to run or help run all of the world that an implacable and shrewd enemy hasn't already seized or sneaked.

## BANKERS AND THE GOP FORGOT!

The newly elected head of the Investment Bankers Association called the attention of his colleaques recently to the opposition which bankers put up to the Federal Deposit Insurance plan which has protected bank depositors ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed it through Congress.

How much better it would have been, this new head of the investment bankers pointed out, if the banks themselves had instituted this successful reform. Yes, how much better!

The death of Mal S. Daugherty on December 15 at the age of 86 served to emphasize the point made by the investment banker. Also served to remind Republican leaders, perhaps, why they don't win elections as they once did.

Mal S. Daugherty, a small-town Ohio banker, was the brother of Harry M. Daugherty, U. S. Attorney General under Republican President Harding. In 1924 during the probe of the Teapot Dome scandal, the report was that some of the money which had changed hands in that nefarious deal had been deposited in Mal S. Daugerty's bank. The Senate investigating committee subpoenaed him and the bank's books. He defied the committee, and by various devices got away with it.

His bank failed as the result of the scandal, paying off only 28 cents on the dollar, and the loss to the town of some 10,000 persons was estimated at $1,000,000. Associated Press in reporting how he lived for years before his death recently said:

**"The community did not forget . . . They passed him, most of them, without speaking."**

But the bankers and Republicans forgot. When the New Deal proposal to have deposits insured up to $5000 was made, these forgetful people fought it. Yet some say the elephant never forgets! Others say the elephant has a small brain considering his bulk!

## NAREB GOES SLUMMING

The National Association of Real Estate Boards urges that "in most instances houses in slum areas can be economically reconditioned and thus reclaimed." You bet! And the heads of the NAREB ought to be required by law to go live in 'em after they've been "reconditioned."


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## FRIEND AND FOE
*In Radio and Press*

"THE HANGING of Hideki Tojo," says Royce Brier in S. F. Chronicle, "was a historical blunder of the first order. It may be that he 'deserved' no lesser fate. But this has nothing to do with the moral order as it relates to history, and as it has related to history since man gradually conceived and materialized a moral order."

**Many Americans undoubtedly share Brier's feelings on this subject. We try to tell ourselves that by all these hangings—for we are hanging Japanese and Germans in considerable number—we are taking the first step toward setting up a new world order of morality. And all the time, down in our hearts, we wonder if we aren't in truth reverting to a very old order indeed—that of savages' warfare in which leaders of the defeated are slaughtered.**

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### UN-AM GANG TOSSES OFF SOME APOLOGIES

Congressman Nixon of California, one of the headline-hunting members of the House Un-American Activities Committee, now says that he thinks Laurence H. Duggan, the former State Department official who plunged to his death after the Un-Am gang sicked the FBI on him, was an innocent man. And Congressman Mundt of South Dakota, another member of the Un-Am gang, now says that he thinks Dr. Edward Condon the distinguished scientist blasted by the committee as "the weakest link in the security chain," was unfairly treated.

**Do dirt mostly, and apologize every 20th time you've done it. That seems to be the "new rule of procedure" the Un-Am gang has been boasting it would, or might, adopt.**

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### THE MARCHING DIMES ARE SPENT USEFULLY

The business men's group in the East Bay that refused to endorse the March of Dimes this year is worried because the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, financed by the March of Dimes, keeps a surplus on hand to meet emergencies and carry on research.

**Do these business men run their own businesses without any surplus on hand to meet an emergency? Do they just spend every penny as it comes in, and trust to luck and the Lord? No, of course they don't, or they wouldn't stay in business.**

**Very fortunately for Alameda county and for California in general, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had a surplus this year to help meet the polio crisis in our county and State. In short, it is fortunate that the March of Dimes fund is administered in genuinely businesslike fashion!**

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### HAGGERTY IS HOPING WE'LL ACT GROWN UP!

State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty said in his holiday season message published on this page last week:

"Labor will continue to fight for its program and be ever mindful of the community interest. It has grown up to assume this responsibility, and it will continue to exercise it to the very best of its ability."

**We suspect that Brother Haggerty is in his customarily courteous fashion is here admonishing us of the House of Labor to act grown-up, and to "be ever mindful of the community interest," rather than just assuring us that we do always act in that way.**

**For Brother Haggerty now faces his recurrent battle with the Legislature, and none knows better than he how often we of organized labor, thinking of some little special goal, fail to remember the larger general goal.**

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### HOLY HEARST BEATS BREAST ABOUT MURAL

Hearst's Post Enquirer is trying to get a mural scrubbed off the walls of the Rincon Annex Postoffice in San Francisco, and concludes an editorial these ringing words:

"To the extent that Communism has besmirched the national life during the New Deal years, all traces of it should be removed; and the offending Communistic art which has so flagrantly defiled the public structures of the country should be among the first things removed."

**Others besides Hearst are sore about that Refregier mural on the Rincon Annex walls. But Hearst ruled himself out of this matter when he so flagrantly appealed to man-on-the-street prejudice against any kind of experimental art in the course of his papers' vicious attacks on the good contemporary American art our State Department sent to Europe.**

**Refregier may or may not be a Communist. But that Hearst is a vulgar demagogue, ready to fire his 1000-centimetre mouth off at anything which he thinks can be made the object of mob hate, is not a probability but a well known fact.**

**Hearst forced the State Department to dump good contemporary American art, and made civilized Europe assume that the only thing we have to export in the way of art is Hearst cheesecake and Hollywood horror films. So let Hearst's betters decide about the Refregier murals, and leave that blatting demagogue out of the matter entirely.**

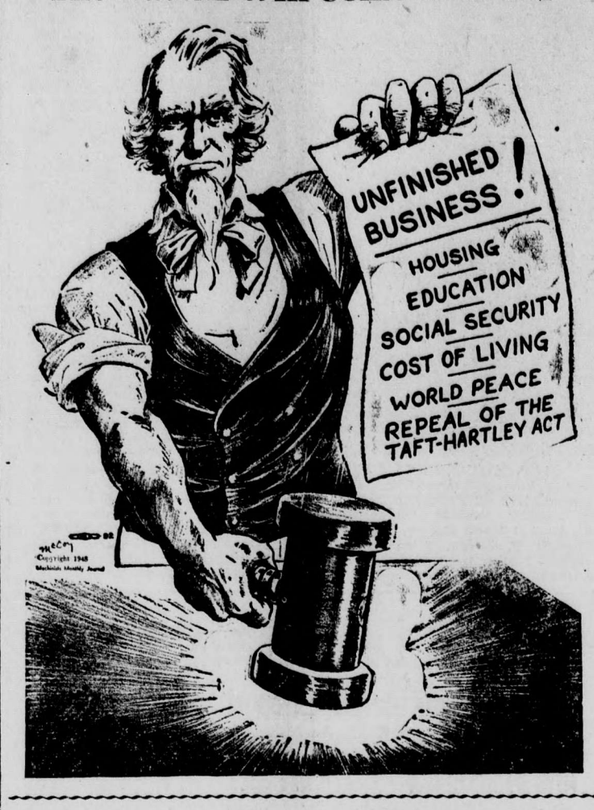
### NO ADVANTAGE

"What advantages do pajamas have over an old-fashioned nightgown?"

"Don't know. "I've never worn pajamas over an old-fashioned nightgown."

It is easy to make successful prophecies on a rising market.—Sir William Berry.

### The Nation Will Come to Order




## BATTLE ON SEGREGATION WAGED BY CHURCH GROUP

**The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, representing many Protestant denominations, adoptetd recently a statement condemning racial segregation in all its ramifications, and calling upon the churches of the country to press for the extension of full social, economic, and political rights to every citizen without discrimination as to race, color, creed, or sex. Part of the statement follows:**

These rights, which should be available to all without discrimination as to race, color, sex, birth, social or economic status, or creed, include:

**1. Full opportunity to participate in the economic resources of the community, including:**

A. The right to a standard of living adequate for the welfare and security of the individual and the family.

B. The right of every employable person to work under decent conditions and fair compensation and to be up-graded according to character and ability, or to engage in an individual enterprise or profession.

C. The right of all persons to organize into labor unions, corporate enterprises, cooperative ventures and social action.

**SOCIAL LIFE**

**2. Full opportunity to participate on a non-segregated basis in social and public life of the community including:**

A. The right to wholesome living space.

B. The right to move within one's country, and to leave and return to one's country.

C. The right to educational and professional training and to cultural opportunities.

D. The right to recreational opportunities and facilities.

E. The right of participation in the use of community social services.

F. The right to adequate health services.

G. The right to the use of transportation on the basis of full equality.

H. The right to receive equal service from businesses and persons serving the public, such as stores, theatres, hotels and restaurants.

**LEGAL RIGHTS**

**3. Full opportunity to participate in the political community including:**

A. The right to vote with alternative choice and by a secret ballot.

B. Equal rights before the law, which include police protection, the right of an accused person to a fair and public trial, the right to counsel, the right to be confronted by written indictment, evidence, and witnesses against him, the right to present in his own behalf his own witnesses and evidence, the right to have the judgment of his actions depend upon an evaluation of the facts by an impartial jury of his peers.

C. The right to be a candidate for public office and to serve if elected.

D. The right to participate fully in any branch of the Government, including the military.

E. The right to organize for peaceful political activity.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

The churches, the state, and individual citizens have responsibility for observance of these requirements of human rights. It is presumptuous for the state to assume that it can grant or deny fundamental rights. It is for the state to embody these rights in its own legal system and to ensure their observance in practice.

**It is for the churches to encourage the state fully to recognize these rights in law, but also, since the churches are under special obligation to obey God rather than man, they must go beyond the requirements of law and seek vigorously to realize these principles wherever they apply within their own fellowship; to support and encourage their members in conscientious endeavor to achieve these ends in the community and nation; and to seek solutions in the spirit of Christian reconciliation.**

The churches are likewise bound to offer a continual challenge to the conscience of the community and to seek to influence the Government in its appropriate sphere to safeguard the rights of all.

## LABOR UNIFICATION COMING?

Arizona Labor Journal (AFL)

Unification of organized labor in this country probably is nearer today than it ever was before.

Both the AFL and the CIO conventions have made "handshake" gestures toward each other. The International Association of Machinists and the AFL are actively negotiating and the UMW can reaffiliate as easily as it disaffiliated.

The Cincinnati convention adopted a resolution on labor unity calling on the AFL executive board "to pursue with new vigor" attempts to bring about unity between all bona fide labor unions in the nation.

The executive board, in its turn, announced its willingness to talk peace with not only the CIO, but with the Mine Workers and the Machinists.

The Machinists left the federation in 1946 as the result of a dispute over jurisdiction with the AFL Carpenters. The UMW withdrew last year after a disagreement between Lewis and other AFL officials over the best way to fight the Taft-Hartley act. CIO unions were expelled—or withdrew—in 1936.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO, in addressing its convention in Portland, Ore., answered the unity call from the AFL convention in Cincinnati. In addressing his remarks to William Green, president of the AFL, Murray said:

"The CIO is prepared to meet with representatives of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of considering plans of a social, economic and political nature."

There are two principal reasons for the new feeling of friendliness between the two big labor units. One stems from the political efforts—in many cases, joint efforts—of both of them. They discovered that they could work together on a common cause and are willing to talk, at least, on going farther than that. The other is the fact that the CIO is making a real fight against the Communist elements within its framework—something the AFL had insisted be done before it was willing to talk about unity.

Both the CIO and the AFL have decided that they are in politics to stay. They have common goals in this and both realize that in combination they will be able to go twice as far and twice as fast as if they acted separately.

No one expects actual unity to come over night. It may never occur, but the chances of "one big organization" coming into being are four times as great at present then they were this time last year.

If complete unity in the labor movement is brought about by the attempts of the reactionaries to destroy its separate parts, then, indeed, labor owes a debt of gratitude to the Hartleys, the Tafts, the Balls and to the forces behind them.

## TRIBUTE TO AFL

By ART WALLACE
Steamfitters' Local 342

When the mounds were built,
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So through the ages,
to this present day,
We find A. F. L.
The only way.

## WOMEN
*in this World*
By EDITH McCONN

**THIS TIME OF YEAR,** a lot of people are sick of the subject of Christmas. Especially husbands and fathers!

They'd like to see it abolished, some of them say. Their women folk get worn to a frazzle, meals come out of tin cans, the children are unbearable, and the pocket-book has taken one terrible beating.

On sober second though, however, most of us don't want Christmas entirely wiped out. But most of us feel that it could stand reforming. And now, as we enter a new year, might be a time to give some thought to that subject.

Perhaps the greatest single peeve of all of us is the commercialization of this holiday, which of all holidays should have spiritual rather than material significance.

The giving of gifts can be a sweet and lovely thing, if the love and affection accompanying the gift adds up to more than the actual value of the gift. But how often does it?

**"My mother-in-law always gives me such expensive presents that I just feel embarrassed to death. I spend more than I can afford on gifts for her, and even then they look like nothing beside hers," says one young wife.**

Now this mother-in-law has only the kindest thoughts for her son's family. She does not mean to embarrass them. She simply wants to be generous.

If she stopped to think, she could still be generous and yet not put her young people into an embarrassing position. She could give them simple gifts for Christmas, then at other times, she could give them some more expensive present that she may have felt they wanted or needed.

**How many of us, though, stop to think these things out? How many of us size up our bank accounts and refuse to enter into this competition of buying gifts to match those given us?**

It takes more courage than most of us have. And yet, if we don't make a start, Christmas will become more and more a vast orgy of buying, a competition in the throwing of money which in most cases is needed for other things.

Let us, then, take this sober second thought. Let us resolve to make some effort to rescue this holiday from the sea of materialism which seems about to overwhelm it.

Christmas is the most precious of our feast days, one of the most ancient, and most honored. It is rich with songs and stories, folkways and traditions. It is something well worth passing on to our children. Next Christmas now seems a long way off. But now is the time to begin having these thoughts about it.

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### Sometimes Best Traits Don't Emerge in Holidays

The holiday season does not always bring out the best in some of our citizens. For instance, not long before Christmas, some college boys were caught cutting evergreen trees in one of our parks.

They loudly proclaimed that they were to be set up as Christmas trees for some charitable occasion, but the police officers found it hard to be too sympathetic.

During the same week, some unknown vandal took three extremely valuable Santa Lucia firs from Tilden Park. These trees are very rare, and people came for miles just to look at them.

Our parks belong to all of us. A great deal of our tax-money is spent on them, and well-spent, most of us think. When a tree is stolen from one of them a citizen has a right to be as indignant as though a thief had entered his private garden and taken it.

**This is something we cannot emphasize too strongly to our children. They must learn early to have a pride of ownership in our parks. Then perhaps, our parks will be safe from such vandalism.**

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### It's the Driver, Not New Bridge, That's Fundamental

All East Bay residents are naturally much interested the talk of a new bridge across the bay. We all realize that the present facilities are inadequate, and that matters cannot go on as they are.

Wiser heads, however, realize that a new bridge or two of them, or wider highways or more highways will never by themselves solve our traffic problems. The basic problem remains the driver of the car.

There isn't much that engineers and architects can do about this problem. It is a problem for parents, for educators, for pastors, for all agencies which have to do with the moulding of the human personality.

It is not enough for a driver to know the rules of the road, and the way to handle a car. He must know also what it means to be a good citizen and a decent human being.

**He must have the courtesy not to crowd ahead. He must have the common sense to allow himself enough time for his trip. He must have the wisdom to realize that high rates of speed are always dangerous, and that many times he will be well-advised to make haste slowly, in order to arrive at his destination safely.**

The building of a bridge or highway, complicated though it is, is a clear and simple task. Building drivers of cars really fitted to use these bridges and highways is a task for which we have not yet got beyond the blue print stage.

### WASN'T FOOLING

An intimation to slow-paying customers has been prominently displayed by a country storekeeper in Scotland:

"All persons indebted to our shop are requested to call and settle. All indebted to our shop and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves indebted and not wishing to call are requested to remain in one place long enough for us to catch them."

### *New Year Brotherliness*
By JOHN J. SWATTEM

My brothers, I fear that in the New Year
I'll be just the same as I was in the last one:
I'll hold you most dear, I'll trust your good cheer—
And always be ready to head off a fast one.

## 'TWO LABOR FEDERATIONS TAKING SAME ATTITUDES'

**Liston M. Oak, writing in the New Leader, liberal weekly backed by many labor people, recently had the following to say about the significance of the national CIO convention and its relation to the national AFL convention:**

The convention of the CIO made history. It marked a break with the Communists within its ranks. It adopted a resolution that presages a break with the WFTU. Without equivocation the CIO put itself on record as supporting the Marshall Plan and the foreign policy of the United States—with justified criticisms. On domestic issues, it took substantially the same position as did the AFL convention, which was also an historic occasion.

The CIO and the AFL conventions declared that they were in politics—on the domestic and international fields—permanently. It would take a microscopic examination by hair-splitters to discover significant differences in policy and program between these two great American labor organizations. Both participated decisively in the election campaign, supporting the same candidates, the same legislative program, the same foreign policy. The legendary visitor from Mars—or even from Europe—might well be puzzled and ask, "Why can't they get together?"

**FEDERATIONS TOGETHER**

At their respective conventions the two big labor federations took almost identical positions on nearly every issue, domestic and foreign—on the Marshall Plan, on Soviet aggression, on increased participation in politics (nationally and internationally), on a new New Deal legislative program. In this crucial period, in which so much depends upon American labor, it is doubly regrettable that the trade unions speak with divided voices, even if they say the same thing.

Whatever tactics the Communists may resort to in the future to try to recapture lost ground in the CIO, one fact is indisputable. Murray and every other "right-wing" leader of the CIO who were in the past too tolerant of these agents of a foreign power have now lost patience. They no longer will try to maintain "unity," but will move to undermine Communist influence in the unions they still control. They will first purge the CP in the unions that are weakest, that have failed to organize the unorganized, such as the United Professional and Office Workers, and the United Public Workers, and the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers. But the anti-Communist majority will not stop with slapping down Durkin and Henderson and other weak sisters. They will, in time, act against Harry Bridges and others who have not failed to organize the unorganized, on another basis—refusal to abide by CIO executive board policy.

**FELLOW TRAVELERS QUIT**

Certain fellow-travelers have already shown an inclination to get off the train—they have traveled far enough. Thus, Albert Fitzgerald of the United Electrical Workers, while weakly defending the UE for not going along with CIO policy in the election campaign, stated at the convention that "Molotov and Vishinsky are warmongers." That is worse than the heresy of Tito. It is the cardinal sin and unforgivable, in the Communist world.

Fitzgerald and his like will follow the footsteps of others who for a long time cooperated with Communists, such as Mike Quill and Joe Curran. They are on the way out. Following them out—of the CP sphere—will be a lot of CIO members who never liked the idea of CP domination but could do nothing about it without losing their jobs. Now they will have official CIO approbation and support.

## 'MONOPOLY TAKE' IN HOUSING

St. Louis Labor Tribune (AFL)

The movie, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," taken from a popular novel of the same name, gave a lot of good laughs to millions of Americans vicariously following the trials and tribulations of the Blandings who decided, to only spend $10,000 on remodeling an old farm house but ended up by spending $56,263.97.

But neither the book nor the story tells us that the Blandings everywhere who typify the national thirst for decent housing were victims of a whole caboodle of national and regional monopolies in the building materials industry.

Recent anti-trust actions by the Department of Justice and proceedings of the Federal Trade Commission tell the real story of the high cost of housing construction in which labor costs play a minor part.

In building his dream home Blandings needed cement, lumber, fire brick, facing tile, window glass, plaster, lath, paint, wallboard, wallpaper, hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies, items which today the two government agencies charge are subject to price fixing, patent dodges and many forms of combinations in restraint of trade. The story of these illegal, gouging practices is a long and sordid one which will make thousands of pages of legal transcript. But it conclusively proves that competitive and open markets in these materials essential to home construction is a myth, and that dream houses, with their heavy mortgages and probable loss by the owners if a recession comes, have been a nightmare to thousands of American families.

Where the materials processors let off, the contractors, real estate brokers, mortgage lenders and suppliers take up to further put the harpoon of profiteering into the Blandings of the nation.

But the piling up of anti-trust and Federal Trade Commission proceedings won't solve the problem. What is needed is a national housing program pushed by the government so as to expand the building materials and construction industries and implemented with low cost home mortgage financing and sound tax, land use and rental policies. That is one of the nation's foremost needs today.

### UNION IN EUROPE

Historically, economically and culturally, Europe is one and indivisible; the old historical dividing lines must be diminished, and no new insurmountable divisions must be erected. More opportunities must be given for a fellowship of the nationalities. Conservative political thought before the great war did not consider it necessary to promote intercourse between the peoples, and in the latter years the different forced alliances prevented any such development; today Soviet oppression prevents it. If the simple people of the different nationalities learn to know, respect and grow fond of one another, it will be easier to create a political unit that might be the cornerstone of a United States of Europe.—**Ferenc Nagy, former Prime Minister of Hungary.**

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